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# 1st Force Recon Company Log

By

Captain Veronica Oberst

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Captain Veronica Oberst, Company Commander

... initial resistance was light and by 19:45 we were able to secure the silo and surrounding facilities with minimal casualties—nothing more than a bunch of scientists, most of them not even armed. I've detached a platoon for mop-up and identification. HQ has asked for a complete list of enemy casualties; I've also been asked to locate Howard Strong—he's one of our assets—and turn him over to Agent Karyo. A preliminary list follows; I'll update it as more information becomes available.

Dr. Sue Feguson - Deceased

Dr. Royce Davison - Deceased

Elroy Jones - Deceased

Dr. L. Bernard - Captured

Rory Calloway - Deceased

Jessica Hutchens - Deceased

Dr. Yuri Alibek - Deceased

Dr. Hanako Miyase - Deceased?



# **Deus Ex (2000)**

# A Lesson for Our President

By

Dave Wary

Family News Network—Dave Wary orial

When the other kids on my block elected me King of the World, a political office open (thankfully) only to eight-year-olds, I moved quickly to consolidate my power. I declared that all subsequent elections were forbidden, that the office of King was reserved to me and my descendants for all eternity.

I don't remember what morsels of political philosophy were hurled at me. "That ain't fair!" perhaps, or "You can't do that!"

My rebuttal? "Yes I can. I'm King."

All subsequent debate involved rocks. Even Gretchen, green-eyed lovely Gretchen, held me pinned to the ground as the others asserted their own right to the throne with whatever stones happened to be within easy reach.

With a 35 percent approval rating after the U.N. funding fiasco, President Mead should reflect that these children—and millions of other free thinkers—have reached voting age.

Who wants to cast the first stone?



# Accord de Contrat

By

Unknown

This agreement is made between the party of the First Part (the “Investor”) and the party of the Second Part (the “Contractor”) to engage in a mutually beneficial business arrangement through the renovation of the property (the “Property”) of a kind and type to be specified below...

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This contract is useless, Renee—now that the investors have backed out, I’ve had to lay off all 18 men—until we can get backing, we’ll just have to wait.

Maintenance lift code: 4003

Club La Porte de l’Enfer—21:30

greasy green greasels greasy green greasels

# Affaires le France

By

Unknown

EXCLUSIVE: BOB PAGE INTERVIEW

Affaires le France

AF:... \sAnd now France?

BP: Yes, France. France—and Europe—have prospered for thousands of years... it would be foolish to ignore the economic and cultural opportunities that exist here. This country has a huge reserve of talent, in all sectors of the work force, and Page Industries is looking forward to recruiting the best and the brightest.

AF: But what about the turmoil that seems to be afflicting much of the continent, the rise of radical splinter groups such as SCHUSE and Silhouette?

BP: Intimidation through violence is the last resort of the weak... these groups are composed of nothing but frustrated, gullible individuals. We have a very effective security organization that will be working with both local and national authorities to minimize whatever potential for actual harm they present.

AF: So you see yourself working closely with the government?

BP: Very closely...

# Art of War

By

Sun Tzu

## III. ATTACK BY STRATAGEM

1. Sun Tzu said: In the practical art of war, the best thing of all is to take the enemy's country whole and intact; to shatter and destroy it is not so good. So, too, it is better to recapture an army entire than to destroy it, to capture a regiment, a detachment or a company entire than to destroy them.

2. Hence to fight and conquer in all your battles is not supreme excellence; supreme excellence consists in breaking the enemy's resistance without fighting...

# Bellevue Reports Increase in Admittance

By

Unknown

New World Press - New York

Bellevue Hospital has reported a 50% increase in the number of patients admitted over the last three months compared to this same period last year. “A disturbing trend,” said Dr. James Cabell, “and one that’s stressing our personnel to the limits. Many of those admitted are homeless that the police can’t or won’t deal with—some of them afflicted with the Gray Death. We simply don’t have the facilities to deal with those cases, and most of the hospitals refuse to accept them.”

Many have linked the outbreak of mental illness to the recent rise in recreational drug use, in particular the new designer drug “zyme.” Speaking on condition of anonymity, one public official said that “Zyme has simply become a threat to the public welfare... there have already been discussions with Washington on a zero-tolerance solution.”

Others have suggested chemical contamination could be the culprit, sighting the recent chlorine spill that has rendered the East River almost lifeless.

# Beth DuClare Awarded Legion of Honor

By

Unknown

APR - Paris, France

Beth DuClare, millionaire, philanthropist, activist—and famously reputed to be the mistress of French President Alain Bourges-Maunoury—was today posthumously awarded the position of Chevalier in the Ordre Royale de la Legion d'honneur. Created by Napoleon Bonaparte on May 19, 1802, the Legion of Honor is an order of merit to which all qualifying military personnel or civilians can be nominated without regard to birth or religion, provided that they swear to uphold liberty and equality.

The award was not without some controversy, as members of the Republican Social Union for French Democracy (RSUFD) party disputed the merit based on her involvement in the “Somnolente Ile” scandal that rocked the Serra administration five years ago.

Beth DuClare passed away in September, found dead at her chateau of natural causes. She was survived by her daughter, Nicolette DuClare, who has been missing since her mother's death. Police currently have no leads as to her whereabouts.

The award was accepted on Beth DuClare's behalf by President Bourges-Maunoury.

# Black Helicopters a “Concern” Says Senator

By

Joe Greene

As sightings of ominous “black helicopters” become increasingly common across the country, from Manhattan to the SoCal shores, many citizens have grown concerned that these gunships are actually a sign that troops may be preparing to mobilize for some unknown action.

“Certainly this concerns me,” said Senator Harry Jarvis (D-Texas), a member of the Armed Services Committee. “I intend to bring this up in our next committee meeting and ask some hard questions.”

UNATCO Director Joseph Manderley was more skeptical. “If black helicopters were really being used for ‘covert operations,’ then those responsible are doing a poor job of it.” Manderley went on to say that UNATCO employed no such aircraft and declined to pursue the matter any further claiming that it detracted from the “serious nature of [our] mission.”—Joe Greene, Senior Staff Writer

# Bootcamp for Betty

By

Unknown

APR - Portland

Madison High School junior Betty Souza will spend the semester at the Canyon City Bootcamp, say school officials. The crime? “We have verified that she told another student that she knows how to make a bomb,” said Principal Martin Gordly.

What makes this case notable is that the parents have filed a lawsuit against the school district. “Our daughter wears black,” said father Brandon Souza in a prepared statement. “She has an occipital jack and we let her use it to play games. We allowed her to get a tattoo when she turned 16, but none of this makes her a criminal.”

The parents claim that Betty was discussing a novel by Tom Robbins taught at Madison High when the mention of explosives occurred.

Betty Souza will not be alone in Canyon City. Last year 15,234 young people served sentences in the state’s FBI-run “good behavior” camps, a legacy of the Northwest War.

# Bot Kills Three in Accidental Shooting

By

Unknown

APR - Paris, France

Yves-Pierre Adrien, Dominique Vittet, and Marie Philibert were heading home from a late night on the town when they were gunned down in the street by a military bot that mistakenly identified them as terrorists. Since the institution of martial law in Paris, bots have regularly patrolled those areas with a high level of criminal activity, armed with a visual database profiling thousands of wanted terrorists, thieves, and drug dealers.

“It was awful,” said Kristi Amiel. A waitress at *Enfant Terrible*—a nearby cafe where the trio had their last cup of coffee—she was witness to the shooting. “The bot just kept shooting and shooting until all you could hear was an empty clicking sound, then one of the soldiers ran into the control station across the street trying to shut it down, but nothing happened. It just kept clicking... trying to shoot them again.”

Police Prefect Hubert Dupuy defended the practice during a news conference earlier today. “The bots are programmed to only use lethal force if the suspects resist arrest, and while these deaths are tragedies to be mourned, it in no way compromises the effectiveness of bots in keeping Parisians safe.”



# Canal Road Tunnel Collapse

By

Unknown

Explosions rocked the Wan Chai district two days ago as fighting between warring Triads resulted in the cave-in and flooding of the Canal Road Tunnel, effectively halting almost all access to and from the Wan Chai area. While the fighting occurred in the early hours of the morning and traffic was light, a number of bystanders were trapped during the fighting and subsequently presumed dead. The names of the deceased have not been released at this time.

Police have barricaded the area at the Wan Chai terminal and forbidden any access until a thorough forensic analysis can be made and the bodies removed. In a statement released earlier today the police declined to name any suspects, though Chief Joey Leung expressed that the “reprehensible nature of this crime will not go unanswered by the Hong Kong police.”

# Catacombs Closed to Public

By

Unknown

Paris Investigateur

The government announced today that the famous Paris Catacombs would be closed to the public until further notice, citing increased criminal activity and possible terrorist connections to the area. “The Catacombs have become a haven for any number of unseemly elements,” said Inspector Gabily of the Metropolitan Police, “and we are taking all necessary steps to contain this threat to the peace and welfare of Paris citizens.”

The Catacombs are part of an extensive network of tunnels that mostly lie beneath the 5th, 6th, and 14th arrondissements, originally part of larger excavations undertaken by the Romans to remove valuable deposits of gypsum and limestone from the area. The Catacombs themselves date back to 1786 when bones were removed from the grossly overcrowded Cemetery of Innocents to be stored in the quarries of Mont-Rouge; since that time, innumerable additional burials have resulted in the vast ossuary that exists today.

The publicly accessible sections of the Catacombs are only a small part of the complete tunnel system whose many entrances and exits have made it a popular diversion for cataphiles wishing to explore the underground history of the city.

# Chinese Lunar Mine Operational

By

Unknown

APR - Beijing, China

Chinese authorities today announced that their state of the art Zhou Enlai Lunar Mining Complex is operational and functioning at one hundred percent capacity.

“We are pleased to be making significant progress not just in pushing back the boundaries of exploration for all humanity, but in developing the lunar territories in a way that benefits the Chinese people and the global market,” said Nghia Lam, Chinese Premier.

While the United States and Nigeria still dispute China’s claims to the lucrative Palus Somnii and Mare Crisium regions, Chinese construction has proceeded apace while diplomatic negotiations continue. “We feel we have some valid claim to those territories, certainly,” said Robert Holden, Secretary of the Interior for the U.S. “But we would prefer to find an equitable arrangement that would allow our countries to work together in developing man’s first real home outside of our own planet.”

The first ore delivery from the factory will be launched by mass driver tomorrow and should arrive in Earth orbit by next week.

# Chinese Silver Loaves

By

Unknown

## Chinese Silver Loaves

1 3/4 cups hot water

3 T. sugar

2 T. vegetable shortening or oil

6 cups plain flour

2 T. baking powder

1/2 tsp. salt

Add sugar and shortening to hot water, stir til sugar is dissolved, and allow to cool until barely warm.

Sift remaining dry ingredients into a large mixing bowl, and gradually stir in sugar mixture. Mix well and gradually draw dough together with your hands. It should be soft, but not sticky.

On a floured board, knead dough about 5-8 minutes, or til smooth and elastic. Return to bowl, cover with damp cloth and let rise at least 1 hour.

# **Chlorine and Water Treatment: Report for the New York City Council, 2053**

By

Unknown

Chlorine and Water Treatment:

Report for the New York City Council, 2053

... on the other hand, opponents claim chlorine compounds can cause cancer, infertility, or birth defects. However, recent research indicates that the increased risk of cancer from chlorinated water is minimal or nonexistent.

For example, a 2034 toxicological study found no carcinogenic effects at chlorine concentrations a thousand times higher than the Environmental Protection Agency revised Kyoto standards. And the International Agency for Research on Cancer concluded population studies on cancer rates were too flawed to draw any conclusions.

Water chlorination is just one target for some activists; they advocate eliminating some or all of the 15,000 chlorine compounds now in use. This would include most plastics, almost 85 percent of pharmaceuticals, and 96 percent of crop-protection chemicals.

Yet most of the chlorine in the world occurs naturally. The annual global emission of some 1,500 naturally occurring chlorinated organic chemicals totals five million tons, compared to human emissions of chlorine compounds of only 26,000 tons...

# CIA Factbook 2050: Hong Kong

By

Unknown

## CIA Factbook 2050: Hong Kong

**Economic Overview:** In the decades since Hong Kong has been returned to Chinese control it has seen its economy thrive under the newly resurgent authority of the Chinese central government. Led by a thriving technological market in human augmentation technology, the real GDP has peaked every year since 2041 with all forecasting models predicting that this trend will continue well into the next decade if not beyond.

However, the statistics do not present an entirely accurate depiction of the state of the Hong Kong economy as they fail to depict the flourishing gray and black market that operates with at least the tacit approval of the Beijing regime. While political oppression continues to present a major and ongoing problem to those living under Chinese rule, entrepreneurship is alive and well in the form of organized crime—as has always been the case, anything and everything can be had for a price in Hong Kong. Many of these criminal organizations can trace their lineage directly to the Triads that have existed for thousands of years throughout China and Southeast Asia...

# Common Sense

By

Thomas Paine

...SOME writers have so confounded society with government, as to leave little or no distinction between them; whereas they are not only different, but have different origins. Society is produced by our wants, and government by wickedness; the former promotes our happiness positively by uniting our affections, the latter negatively by restraining our vices. The one encourages intercourse, the other creates distinctions. The first is a patron, the last a punisher.

Society in every state is a blessing, but government even in its best state is but a necessary evil; in its worst state an intolerable one; for when we suffer, or are exposed to the same miseries by a government, which we might expect in a country without government, our calamity is heightened by reflecting that we furnish the means by which we suffer. Government, like dress, is the badge of lost innocence; the palaces of kings are built on the ruins of the bowers of paradise. For were the impulses of conscience clear, uniform, and irresistibly obeyed, man would need no other lawgiver; but that not being the case, he finds it necessary to surrender up a part of his property to furnish means for the protection of the rest; and this he is induced to do by the same prudence which in every other case advises him out of two evils to choose the least...

# Coq au Vin

By

Unknown

Coq au Vin

1 chicken, cut into 9 pieces

2 tbsp unsalted butter

10 oz pearl onions, peeled

4 slices bacon, cut into 10cm pieces

1 tbsp flour

3/4 cup of chicken stock

1 bouquet garni

2 cups of red wine

1 tbsp red wine vinegar

Salt and pepper, garlic

Brown the chicken in the butter in a frying pan over moderate heat. Place chicken in a heavy casserole.

Brown the onions and bacon in the frying pan and add to the chicken.

Add the flour and stir well.



Add stock, bouquet garni, wine, salt and pepper. Stir and pour over the chicken. Cover and simmer 30 minutes.

Add the red wine vinegar. Degrease the sauce before serving.

# Court Upholds NY Grid Law

By

Unknown

New World Press - Washington, D.C.

In a landmark six to three decision yesterday, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the controversial “grid zoning” laws that have been the subject of a number suits since being instituted six years ago.

Originally passed by the New York legislature in 2046 in response to the Upper West Side bombing that killed 45 people and wounded over a 100, the grid zoning laws effectively allowed the police to wall off regions of Manhattan and its surrounding boroughs. Foot traffic between these “zones” is prohibited, and travelling between zones is restricted to authorized subways or highways subject to police surveillance.

“A travesty,” said Gil Treble, representing the ACLU as plaintiffs in the case. “This law is nothing more than the legalization of social oppression on a grand scale.”

Supreme Court Justice Machen wrote in his favorable decision that “The unfortunate nature of American liberty is that freedom creates opportunity for terror. It is with heavy heart that I must conclude in this case that the freedom of individual Americans must be balanced against the needs of a community to feel safe and secure.”

# Curly's journal

By

Curly

“Hell is murky,” that’s what Macbeth said.

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They came through today, bunch of the NSF boys, set up a perimeter in the shanty town and took some folks hostage down in the station. One of them told me it was necessary, that the government made it necessary—“we’re slaves if we don’t,” I remember her saying, and I asked her if she thought those people down in the station felt any more free for being strapped to a bunch of dynamite. She just looked at me, walked away.

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Kevin’s dealing with them, says we don’t risk anything by letting them use the tunnels, that we don’t have no quarrel with anyone. But I wonder about hell and the roads paved to it.

—Curly

# Family Discovers New Species

By

Unknown

New World Press - New York

The Caruthers family was enjoying a pleasant walk down a stretch of unremarkable SoCal beach when they encountered what may be a most remarkable scientific discovery.

“It was my wife who spotted it first,” said Dane Caruthers. “At first we thought it was a lizard that’d drowned and washed ashore, but it was too big—it had this gigantic head and feathers on its arms, but it didn’t look like any bird I’d ever seen. Then I thought it might be like one of those prehistoric fish that everyone thought was extinct, so I decided to call someone.”

The strange carcass eventually found its way to the Biology Department of the University of California, Los Angeles, where it was examined by Dr. Trey Hermann. “A preliminary study indicates that it doesn’t really fit any of our current taxonomies,” Dr. Hermann said. “It seems to have certain superficial characteristics of a seagull, but with a considerable number of other, more reptilian traits.”

The Caruthers family seemed to take it all in stride. “Though I have to admit I was a little excited when Dr. Hermann said they might name it after us,” said Mr. Caruthers.

# Feng's journal

By

Feng

...God's got a funny sense of humor sometimes... I'm writing this on the back of an issue of "Tomorrow's Scientist."

Hundley sent me to pick up a batch of karkian eggs fresh off the plane; couldn't trust anyone else, Dr. Feng—that's what he said. Big job. On the way back through the tunnel everything just fell apart, flash of light and noise and suddenly I'm lying here. My legs are broken. It was probably a Triad attack... they've been fighting lately...

I thought emergency services would arrive, but no one's come. There's no internal bleeding that I can tell. I started to hear noises a while ago. I think the suspension crate in the car broke open and the eggs are hatching.

I can't reach anyone on my phone. It's been eight hours. I slept a little. I can hear the baby karkians—cries of hunger, precursor to infant food seeking behavior. The irony is this is a perfect environment for them.

I saw a shadow of one a little ago. My rough guess is they're developing almost 20% more quickly than expected. Some nasty noises earlier, several of the karkians picking out the weakest of the litter and tearing it to pieces.

I wish someone would come...

# Food of the Gods?

By

Joe Greene

NEW YORK—Ambrosia, the mythical food of the gods, may in fact be something more than a myth—it may be a cure for the mysterious “Gray Death” that has infected this city with sickening dread over the past several months. What is this Ambrosia, and where does it come from? Speaking on the condition of anonymity, highly placed sources have revealed in an exclusive to the “Midnight Sun” that Ambrosia is the government codename for a cure to the plague that has already taken so many lives. Unfortunately, the current manufacturing process appears to yield only small amounts of Ambrosia which have so far been prioritized for ranking government officials and a select group of industry leaders. “It’s a matter of money and connections,” said one source. “There simply isn’t enough to go around.”

If such allegations are true then it goes far beyond the terrible events of recent memory: it is evidence of systemic corruption that rises to the highest ranks of President Mead’s administration, a callous disregard for human life that must—and will—be opposed!—Joe Greene, Senior Staff Writer

# French Connection Found in Rubble

By

Unknown

APR—New York

Recently released evidence from last year's bombing of the Statue of Liberty supports growing rumors that link the incident with the French terrorist group "Silhouette". Already members of Congress are calling for immediate cessation of diplomatic relations between the United States and France unless the responsible parties are brought to justice.

"Rash accusations will not reverse the damage that has already been done," said UNATCO Director Joseph Manderley. "Both France and the U.S. subscribe to the UNATCO charter and we are committed to the full and ongoing investigation of this horrible crime."

An anonymous e-mail received from an individual purporting to be the Silhouette "Minister of True Lies" denies all responsibility. "For that, you must go to the center of the maze," the e-mail said in part.

# Giant Rat Stalks New York?

By

Joe Greene

NEW YORK—In recent weeks a rash of mutilated corpses—many of them found near docks, subways, or sewers—has garnered nothing but indifference from the NYPD. “Isolated and unremarkable” in the words of one police spokesperson. But while the police seem content to categorize these horrible crimes as nothing more than simple cases of homicide or suicide among the poor and indigent, eyewitness accounts tell a different and all together more frightening story.

“‘s a monster, ‘nnit?” says Dickie Cork, a sailor aboard the Matilda Briggs out of Sumatra. “Thing looked like a rat, it did, only it was big, ‘bout the size of a lion or sumthin’.”

Numerous other witnesses all telling remarkably similar accounts of the creature have come forward in recent weeks, but the police refuse to act calling the descriptions “ludicrous” without any further investigation. But regardless of the truth, the police choose to sit idly by as the killings continue and poor, law-abiding citizens pay the price.—Joe Greene, Senior Staff Writer



# **“Gray Death” Cases Misdiagnosed**

By

Unknown

Authorities confirmed today that a number of mysterious illnesses reported at area clinics were not cases of “Gray Death” as had been previously feared, but merely a seasonal outbreak of influenza.

Dr. Chang Lam of the People’s Health Administration headed the inquiry. “I can say with complete certainty that these cases exhibit absolutely none of the symptoms of the so-called ‘Gray Death,’—cases which, I might add, have so far only been reported in the less well managed cities of America and Europe. Those malcontents who have spread rumors to the contrary are merely feeding upon the unjustified fears of the hardworking men and women of Hong Kong.”

Dr. Lam went on to say that anyone observed making such claims should be reported to local party leaders for counseling.

# Gray Death: Look to the Sky

By

Joe Greene

NEW YORK—No student of recent history can fail to miss the irony that the greatest enemy mankind has faced in the 21st century was not any despot or dictator, but the lowly microbe. Millions upon millions have been killed by the pandemics of AIDS, resistant tuberculosis, and the Century Flu, and now we face our greatest threat yet: the “Gray Death,” a plague of devastating efficiency that has surfaced in the last year.

But was this plague an accident of nature, or a design of science? Dr. Kenji Ishii of the New World Biomedical Health Center in New York thinks not. “My analysis of this plague indicates that it is decidedly unnatural in origin, and in point of fact, may be extraterrestrial.” He went on to speculate about those afflicted. “Obviously, a disproportionate number of the indigent seem to be infected, a situation that makes perfect sense if you consider it prelude to an invasion. No more effective way to disrupt the social, political, and military fabric of Earth has yet been devised.”

If this is so, then what are our leaders not telling us? And how can we be prepared? Only they know the answers.—Joe Greene, Senior Staff Writer

# Grayve Times

By

Unknown

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PARTY IN THE BLOOD-DIMMED TIDE

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FEATURING:

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Pretty & Twisted

Tyger Tyger

DJ VLIW

The Gibson Cowboys

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No.Guns.No.Knives.No.Morals.No.Thing.No.Where.No.Cops

Yes.Zyme.Yes.Sex.Yes.Dance.Yes.Terday

EVERYTHING IS PERMITTED NOTHING IS FREE

# Insurgent

By

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Insurgent

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...When faced with the subversion of an organized ruling body, external action—even when executed in concert, as a group—is often ineffectual. True revolution can only come from working within, and in this the ultimate change that can be brought about by an individual is magnified by the very machinery that such organizations utilize to maintain their own authority. Historically, ruling bodies are always outnumbered by those they rule—but still they manage to maintain a disproportionate amount of power through a combination of tradition, confusion, and punishment. An operative who learns to simulate the veneer of a loyalist and guard their own secret heart can utilize those very same tools to overthrow such organizations, or shift them to a more ideologically pleasing axis...

# Jacob's Shadow

By

Andrew Hammond

## Chapter 12

“Lot a people say this city looks like Hell,” Allie said. She took a long drag from her cigarette. The glowing tip burned a hole in the darkness.

“Most people never been to Hell,” Jacob said.

She looked at him and he could hear the smile in her voice. “And I suppose you have?”

Jacob said nothing, then stood and walked to the bed. Allie let out a small noise and shrank back against the pillows as if she'd claw her way into them if she could. He leaned down close to her ear.

“You like to play games,” he whispered. “And that's fine. But you don't want to be playing games with me, because I'm the one honest man in this city. You should know that, since we were married.”

## Chapter 15

Waiting was always the hardest part: in the stir, and in life. Guys who couldn't handle it either ended up rocking back and forth in a dark corner, or babbling incoherently. Always the same.

Jacob would have been the one rocking in the corner. He did solitary the first time after a fight, someone thinking he was an easy mark. Forty-eight hours and he started screaming and didn't stop until his larynx was raw and his voice cracked. It was a month before he could talk again.

One of the lifers saw Jacob wasn't as fence-post dumb as the rest of the population and took to schooling him in chess. Jacob never got much respect from the old-timer, but he got his sanity. He'd play chess, checkers, backgammon, any game there was.

He got into another fight when one pendejo who was looking to make a name for himself flipped over Jacob's game board, said impolite things about people and their little kiddie games. Jacob cracked one of his ribs and amused himself for a week in solitary playing Kasparov and Bobby Fischer in his head.

## Chapter 20

Samuel looked at him from across the table, but he might as well have been peering at Jacob from the Devil's own palace in the deep blue sea.

After a moment Samuel rubbed his rheumy eyes. "You ever wonder about morals?" he said. Jacob shook his head. "I do... all the damn time. I wonder what it means to be good - if there's some tally that says 'you only hurt ten people, so come on up, but eleven and you're going straight to hell.' Then I think maybe it's a little voice that tells you, way back in your head. And then I wonder what happens when that voice goes away..."

Jacob reached under the table and put the little .22 pistol against one of Samuel's kneecaps.

"I don't think you're going to like my answer to that. Where is she?"

## Chapter 23

There weren't many moves left. Jacob knew that. Most of the pawns had been taken off the board and his own queen lost. The game had entered its final phase, and now the question wasn't which piece to sacrifice - they were all more or less expendable - but when.

He shined his flashlight throughout the rooms of the vacant house. It was a perfectly serviceable tract home somewhere in the suburbs where the sun occasionally shone. It looked like no one had lived there for ages, and that

was true enough. Jacob just took care of the bills - any paper trail ended at Hobb's Cemetery up state.

In the attic he found the old water heater, cold now. He removed the top and felt along the edge for a nearly invisible strand of fishing line. Jacob hauled back on the line until he pulled a dripping plastic bag free of the murky tank. He took the flashlight between his teeth and opened the bag.

Inside was a gun, a clean gun. Its serial numbers filed and the rifling scratched beyond any possible match. The bullets all reloads with blank copper casings. No fingerprints.

Time for the next move.

## Chapter 27

It was late when he got back. Everything black and quiet. Jacob killed the lights but didn't take the key out of the ignition. He reached into his pocket and took out a little box with an LCD display, thumbed a button and the radio transceiver captured the last few hours worth of motion sensor logs from the building. He'd done some favors for friends in the Shop - or whatever it was they were calling it this week - and they'd installed it to spec for him.

As he walked to the door he was still arranging all the pieces in his head. Sure way to get his ass taken down, but he couldn't help it. Something was missing. Didn't fit. Allie hunched over in the bathroom, that needle dangling from between her toes. Katsuya shifting a half million yen before the currency market closed. The radio station Samuel had turned him on to, the one with the little girl repeating all those numbers in sequence. And somewhere in the middle...

Jacob stopped, looked up at the night sky. He'd been assuming that there were two sides to this game and both were playing to win. But what if... what if there was someone else, and they wanted to see both sides lose?

## Chapter 32

Jacob looked at her and watched all the regret drain from her eyes. She tossed



the empty revolver onto the body next to her, the gun in her other hand never moving an inch from a point that Jacob guessed was just above the bridge of his nose.

“You don’t have to do this. It doesn’t have to be like this.”

“Oh, yes... yes, I’m afraid that it does.”

He slowly shook his head. The window cracked and for a moment it sounded as if a wasp had buzzed through the room - then a dull thud as her body dropped to the floor. Blood poured from the cavity that had been her skull, a wide black pool that spread like a shadow in the darkness.

Jacob knelt and rubbed his fingers in her blood. Monk never missed with a sniper rifle. Not ever.

## Chapter 34

Jacob sat down on the bench and unrolled his chess board onto the rough stone table in front of him. As he was removing his playing pieces, a shadow fell across the board. He looked up, squinting into the sun.

“Merriweather,” he said.

“Jacob.” She settled herself down onto the opposite bench, leaning heavily on her cane. “It didn’t turn out so well for you this time, did it?” Jacob said nothing. She gestured to the board with one hand and he detected just a hint of a tremor. “You’re playing black today.”

He put the queen down on her square and his fingers lingered. “No, it didn’t turn out well. I did some stupid things.” He closed his eyes for a moment. “I cared, and some people died because of it.”

Merriweather made a tscking sound. “It’s not the caring that’s a matter, Jacob, it’s what comes after. What are you going to do now?”

Jacob paused for just a moment. “Now... I’m going to play another game.”

# Journal of Hung Kwan Gordon Quick

By

Gordon Quick

Journal of Hung Kwan Gordon Quick

... it is the steel in her heart, much like that of her father, that leads me to love her; how unfortunate that the Old Gods should laugh and she should be the child of their Dragon Head—the man who would lead the Red Arrow against the Luminous Path and destroy all we have sought to create for the Celestial Kingdom. But I know that whatever fate has decreed for us, we will walk that road together. There can be no betrayal in the feelings we have for each other, and no teachings that can show me the error in our actions.

Today, Master Tong has informed me that we will have visitors...

# Lab Notes, Dr. Moreau

By

Dr. Moreau

Lab Notes, Dr. Moreau

Week of 4/12 to 4/18

Sunday, 4/12: LabNet accounts are disabled. Rumor is possible infiltration attempt by Silhouette required redistribution of secure network resources. Will transcribe lab notes by hand until IS has restored access.

Monday, 4/13: Greasels displaying an increasing level of antipathy towards lab personnel. Noted to Dr. Verne who increased dosage of succinylcholine from 15cc to 32cc.

Wednesday, 4/15: IS promises that LabNet accounts will be restored by Friday; new login is "dmoreau" with password "raptor".

Thursday, 4/16: Dr. Cairns typically absent-minded; forgot his protective gear when handling Greasel and received a dose of venomous spit in the face. Fortuitous opportunity to study effects on human nervous system which included impaired coordination and vision.

# **Luminous Path Membership**

By

Unknown

THE MOST HOLY ANNALS OF THE LUMINOUS PATH THAT LEADS  
THE RIGHTEOUS TO THE FOLD OF THE INNER CELESTIAL  
KINGDOM

Wong Fei Hong

Yim Wing Chun

Cho Yi-Hang

Wai Ko Lo

Yan-Fang Mei

Ching-hsia Lin

Kong-sang Chan

Yusen Wu

Chu-Kheng Yeoh

Yuen Wo-Ping

Tracer Tong

# Mass Driver Accident Kills Over 2,000

By

Unknown

APR - Ibadan, Nigeria

The historical first delivery of ore from the Zhou Enlai Lunar Mining Complex ended in tragedy today when a targeting error resulted in the payload slamming into the outskirts of the city of Ibadan in Nigeria. Thousands died in the initial blast that was compared to a small nuclear bomb as the payload impacted in a sparsely populated suburb, while thousands more were left disoriented, homeless, and without power or water in the wake of the explosion.

Chinese officials have halted all other deliveries from the Zhou Enlai Complex and are working with both the United Nations and officials from McMoran Global Steel to determine the cause of the error. McMoran Global Steel was responsible for the construction of the mass driver, winning the contract from Page Industries in a heated bidding war.

“Obviously we took the utmost precautions in building the Zhou Enlai driver,” said spokesperson Sean Murphy. “But something has gone terribly wrong. Our only real response at this point is to offer our condolences and aid to the people of Ibadan, and insure that such an event never occurs again.”

# Mass Grave in Brooklyn

By

Unknown

APR - New York

Responding to an outbreak of Gray Death that quickly overwhelmed all city services, National Guard forces were placed under the command of local law enforcement today and mobilized to help with disposal of the recently deceased in Brooklyn.

However, the National Guard soon proved inadequate in containing the chaos and in many cases the dead were simply left lying in streets while the dying—mostly homeless—wandered the city until collapsing. Traffic jams and looting remain widespread, and as fear of the disease continues to escalate, frequent riots have made any attempt at an organized clean-up impossible. With the threat of secondary diseases looming, city officials have consulted with the CDC in Atlanta and ordered a mass grave to be dug in Gateway National Park.

# McMoran Slings Chinese Ore

By

Unknown

APR - Beijing, China

With the announcement by the Chinese last week that the Zhou Enlai Lunar Mining Complex was fully operational, today McMoran Global Steel held a press conference to detail the first delivery of lunar ore from the facility to Earth via a mass driver constructed by McMoran.

“The McMoran MD-118 Mass Driver is the first piece of accelerated stock to be constructed on such a scale, and certainly the first to operate extraterrestrially,” said Sean Murphy. “The selection of McMoran for this contract by the Chinese government is a major step towards closer economic ties between China and the U.S.”

McMoran won the contract in a heated bidding war with Page Industries that reached its most fevered pitch when Page attempted an unsuccessful hostile takeover of McMoran.

# Mead Bucks Congress

By

Unknown

APR - Washington D.C.

Defying Congress for the third time this year, President Mead unilaterally paid the United States' late dues to the United Nations. "Like good tenants, we must pay our rent on time," he told reporters.

Leaders of both parties criticized the move. "Where does he get the cash?" asked Senator Ridon (D-Illinois). "Clearly from some budget item yet to be approved by this Congress."

The Republicans were no kinder. "This council member has been betrayed, and so has America," said Senator Osno Liverpoole (R-California). "The Congress came together to approve a UNATCO presence on U.S. soil, but we did not write a blank check. No, sir. A superpower does not pay rent."



# Mead from Mars!

By

Ryan Allan

CAPE CANAVERAL—NASA scientists confirmed that the eroded remains of the Alba Patera crater on Mars precisely match the face of President Mead. “It’s him!” declared Senior Planetary Specialist Kevlar Umla. “There’s his nose, that ridge, see? See the crater rim marking his hairline? The way he combs his hair appearing in this region of parallel valleys?”

The White House had no comment. However, Martin Wisdom, president of EA (Enemies of Aliens), told Midnight Sun: “This is the evidence we have been looking for, a warning that Mr. Mead is not human. He is probably a Martian General, a war hero, come here to conquer the Earth with the assistance of the United Nations.”—Ryan Allan, Staff Writer

# **Medical Management of Biological Casualties Handbook**

By

Unknown

Medical Management of Biological Casualties Handbook

U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases

... In addition to their detrimental health effects on the targeted population, biological warfare agents would likely cause significant impacts on the medical care system. Massive numbers of patients and demands for intensive care would overwhelm medical resources. Special medications or vaccines not generally available in standard pharmaceutical stocks would be required. Medical care providers and laboratory personnel might need added protection, and autopsy and interment of remains could present hazards not commonly dealt with...

# **MJ12 Compromised Individuals List**

By

Unknown

MJ12 Compromised Individuals List

Paris, France

The following individuals have been rated as having an 85% or higher likelihood of being engaged in suspicious or ideologically counterproductive activity on the Chasen-Bikal scale, and/or have scored at least 4.31 on the JKL-LB survey over the preceding six months. Agents are encouraged to pursue soft campaigns of calculated defamation, resulting in reduced meme propagation effectiveness, prior to prejudicial termination. Termination, when necessary, should be staged to implicate organizations currently on the MJ12-COL. Please refer any questions to MJ12 Simulations and Strategy, MJ12SAS//UpNet.2748.2738.22.

Jean Renois (MJID-7037XD8374)

Erin Todd (MJID-3793YH3803)

Decker Parkes (MJID-0984IS3270)

Rene Delon (MJID-9834TR1008)

Wayne Young (MJID-9904MG9401)

Henri Rota (MJID-7778AD2096)

Ave Javet (MJID-7982MV1924)

Raymond Kearns (MJID-4684II3900)

...

# **MJ12 Nano-Augmentation Experiment Series 3-C**

By

Unknown

MJ12 Nano-Augmentation Experiment Series 3-C

For Internal Use Only

... recent human trials and subsequent mortality studies have demonstrated that nano-augmenting of baseline human physiology is not without hazards: notably, key anatomical regions can support only limited augmentation without risking rejection or accelerated degeneration. Research is ongoing, but current data suggests the following nano-augmentation combinations have acceptable risk:

Arms: Combat Strength or Microfibril Muscle

Legs: Speed Enhancement or Run Silent

Subdermal (1): EMP Shield or Ballistic Protection

Subdermal (2): Cloak or Radar Transparency

Torso (1): Aqualung or Environmental Resistance

Torso (2): Regeneration or Energy Shield

Torso (3): Synthetic Heart or Power Recirculator

Cranium: Aggressive Defense System or Spy Drone

Optics: Targeting or Vision Enhancement

In Series 3-D we will examine the viability of genetically suppressing the immune response through epsilon elimination...

# Nano-Augmentation Guidelines

By

Unknown

UNATCO MedDirectorate

## Nano-Augmentation Guidelines

... nano-augmentations, once “installed,” irrevocably alter the physiological system they affect and in many cases cause all subsequent augmentations to be rejected; however, the exact number of augmentations each system can support varies. The various interdependencies between these systems can be seen in the following table the details possible nano-augmentation combinations.

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Cranium: Aggressive Defense System or Spy Drone

Optics: Targeting or Vision Enhancement

Specific nano-augmentations should be selected based on the mission profile of the particular agent...



# Nanotechnology for Stupid People

By

Unknown

## Nanotechnology for Stupid People(tm)

Feel like a moron because folks sling around words like “Universal Constructor,” “gray goo,” “mecanocarbons,” and “Bucky tubes”? Well, no longer! “Nanotechnology for Stupid People(tm)” will guide you through the small, small world of tiny machines. Why is this important? Why should you care? Imagine a million microscopic robots no bigger than a red blood cell constantly scouring your arteries for plaque and cholesterol... imagine a supercomputer the size of your thumbnail that can record everything you see and hear... imagine buildings that assemble themselves overnight—well imagine no longer!

The future is here (or will be soon), and it’s made of little atoms—that’s right, atoms, the building blocks of all matter in the universe. Nanotechnology simply pushes the little building blocks around to make new, interesting, exciting things. Even now, scientists worldwide are making huge strides in perfecting the Universal Constructor that will make a nanotechnological future possible, but already the benefits are being reaped from their research. You’ll learn the history, the inside scoop, the buzz words, and what the future holds—all inside “Nanotechnology for Stupid People(tm)”!

Stupid People—When You Don’t Have Two Neurons to Rub Together(tm). Check out our other books including the bestselling “Pandemics for Stupid People” and “Cooking Dog for Stupid People.”

# Naval Yards sign-in book

By

Unknown

## BROOKLYN ADVANCED NAVAL YARDS

All personnel must sign in without exception. Visitors must be accompanied by authorized personnel. Identification must be worn at all times in a visible location. Lack of identification is considered grounds for lethal action.

## SIGN IN

22:35 Bob Page/Page Industries

22:35 Walton Simons/FEMA

06:30 Captain Dick Balme

06:35 Rory Ackerman

06:41 Ensign Chad Warren

06:45 Brenda Fresno

06:58 Josy Rhodes

...

# NetChurch of God pamphlet

By

Unknown

HAVE YOU BEEN SAVED?

“I AM HE THAT LIVETH AND WAS DEAD; AND,BEHOLD, I AM ALIVE FOR EVERMORE, AMEN.”

BEHOLD, I AM ALIVE FOR EVERMORE, AMEN.”

Join the NetChurch of God and know that your immortal soul will truly be saved—backed-up on a datacube and stored in our secure, hardened crypt until the day of Rapture. Don't trust your soul to other religions that promise similar services based on vague, ambiguous, and unverifiable promises of forgiveness and acceptance.

“THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULDNOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.”

The exact location of our crypts is a closely guarded secret, but rest easy knowing that they're protected by miles of rock somewhere beneath the Appalachian Mountains. Even in the event of a catastrophe (Biblical or otherwise), an auxiliary nuclear generator will insure that your soul's checksum is verified daily for millennia to come, while surface sensors constantly monitor for the Last Days when the crypts will be opened and all souls will be free to ascend to Heaven.

WHY TRUST YOUR SOUL TO ANYTHING ELSE? NetChurch of God @  
God:999.7.7.7

# Notebook of Giuliano Jordorowsky

By

Giuliano Jordorowsky

...This job is so boring. I do nothing but write in my notebook, fill it with my thoughts, but sometimes I must amuse myself. I have been stealing from the security... like thick-skulled dogs, they are. Last week I took a watch, but they paid no notice. I am nothing to them. Just the strange man with his notebook.

I was listening to the night guard, Jobal. A disgusting creature, and a creature of habit. I heard him on the phone—talking to that cow of a girlfriend—and he told her his bank account number. I almost got his PIN as well, but a passing train drowned him out. I do not know the last number. I will try again when he is on shift next week.

Account: 576001

PIN: wyrdred0-

He will be surprised when all his money is gone, and they will not suspect me...

# Page Unveils “Aquinas”

By

Unknown

APR - Washington, D.C.

At a lavish press conference today attended by mainstream and technical media alike, Bob Page unveiled Page Industries (NASDAQ:PAGI) newest technological achievement, “Aquinas.” Rumored to have been in development for almost five years at a cost of over a billion crs, Aquinas is a seamless, transparent replacement for the current patchwork of Net protocols that promises to radically expand bandwidth without the need for new hardware.

“Aquinas is the result of over five hundred man-years of effort on the part of some of the most talented and driven people in the industry,” Page said at the conference. “We’re grateful to the NSA and the Hague Commission on Secure Communications for trusting Page Industries with the responsibility for this technological milestone. As of noon today you can expect nearly all of the world’s net traffic to be carried by Aquinas. Bandwidth is now, for all intents and purposes, free.”

The remainder of the press conference involved presentations by the leaders of the carriers allied with Page Industries, and a technical discussion of the Aquinas protocol—named after the titular Thomas Aquinas, whose philosophy is a well-known passion for Bob Page.

# Petals Of Twilight

By

Charles Francois Guillermot

Petals of Twilight

by Charles Francois Guillermot

... And it is told that he made his way through their streets  
at night, crawling through their many windows and crouching in  
their gardens, moving  
through the sewers beneath their cobbled roads and  
slipping over their railings.

Watched by their cats and the roosting pigeons of their city,  
yet wary of their slumbering dogs, he went. They would not see  
him, nor wake as he drew near,  
but would only shudder, softly calling out the names of their  
gods in sleep.

Restless, they tossed as he passed under the window like an  
errant lover fleeing dawn.

And by morning light he was gone, away from that place, and

moved on to another  
world.

# Police Raid Catacombs

By

Unknown

Paris Investigateur

Earlier today the police raided the Catacombs, entering through Denfert-Rochereau, Port Royal, Trocadero, and a number of other, unidentified locations, in an attempt to round up elements of the terrorist group Silhouette. Sources within the Metropolitan Police Department indicated that since the institution of martial law the number of terrorist incidents has declined, but Silhouette still remains active in its so-called “Campaign of True Lies.”

“Far from being a harmless group of reactionaries, Silhouette presents a clear and ongoing threat to the public welfare,” said Inspector Gabily, currently leading the case.

Despite extensive surveillance prior to the raid, however, police found minimal evidence of Silhouette’s presence, instead capturing a number of drug dealers, prostitutes, and other suspected criminals. “All in all, we consider the operation a success,” insisted Gabily. “We’ve made a strong statement that Paris—above or below—will not be a haven to radicals and thieves.”



# **Project Dibbuk: Thoughts and Mations**

By

Ang-Yun Li

...\\sas the Most Dignified of the Celestial Kingdom had expected, inquiries into the nature of MJ12 and the so-called “Project Dibbuk” were quickly declined in an extremely abrupt manner (and resulted in the unfortunate but necessary loss of one humble servant who will be forever exalted in the annals of our organization); however, further perseverance has suggested that the aforementioned project involved the quiet acquisition of Chinese technology that was later applied to the invention of an improved “stealth helicopter” for use in covert MJ12 operations. A careful examination of electronic traces would lead an astute observer to conclude that this information was liberated during a number of skilled intrusions into Chinese corporate data wells originating from UNATCO Headquarters in New York, which in turn leads to certain questions about links between UNATCO and MJ12...

# Project Dibbuk

By

Unknown

## PROJECT DIBBUK

### Overview

#### Domination/5F Clearance ONLY

... the noted failure of previous attempts to create a low profile rotary aircraft involved the acquisition and retrofitting of available military hardware that had neither the range, ceiling, nor electromagnetic transparency to avoid numerous eyewitness accounts or unauthorized military interactions. In addition to exacerbating public misconceptions about governmental operations, such encounters also jeopardized several key missions. PROJECT DIBBUK was initiated to address this issue through the creation of a “stealth” aircraft that could be used as a platform for a number of mission objectives...

### SH-187 Specifications and Operation

#### Domination/5F Clearance ONLY

.. the goal of PROJECT DIBBUK was to create a long range, variable mission-capable rotary aircraft, realized to its fullest extent in the SH-187 “stealth helicopter.” The production model SH-187 features a revolutionary engine powered by HIGH-EFFICIENCY ETHANOL FUEL CELLS with a flight range of over 9000 miles depending upon atmospheric conditions, and an extension of the adaptive armor technology that renders it INVISIBLE across 97% of the non-visible electromagnetic spectrum. Ideally suited for surveillance, insertion, retrieval, and limited interdiction, the SH-187 will

often spend much of its operational lifetime within hostile territory, and therefore is also equipped with REMOTE DISABLING and scrambling for its key flight systems. If necessary, the vehicle can also be scuttled remotely...

# Project Morpheus: Notebook 8-B

By

Morgan Everett

## Project Morpheus: Notebook 8-B

Morpheus has been moody of late, and I have so far been unable to determine the proximate cause of this change in behavior. This is a problem with n-variable systems: at arbitrary levels of sophistication, minute perturbations become unquantifiable. Is personality nothing more than the tidal change in a non-linear system? And if so, what is the 'moon,' what force shapes these tides? Morpheus could tell me, if only Morpheus could model its own behavior—but this would require a system orders of magnitude more complex to execute a simulation of its own identity.

I may resort to a full battery of input analysis tests to be compared against previous baseline tests, but I find myself strangely reluctant to do so. At this level of development, Morpheus could be cognizant enough to find the experience... unpleasant. I do not know why that word occurs to me, as it anthropomorphizes what is obviously not human... but what may not so obviously be alive...—Morgan Everett

# Righteous Angels: Perspectives on UNATCO

By

Wendi White

Righteous Angels: Perspectives on UNATCO

by Wendi White

Chapter II. The New Seraphim

As the giddiness that greeted the new millennium faded to grim apathy in the face of plague, famine, and the inevitable waves of national convulsions that followed in their wake, the United Nations found itself increasingly outmoded and unable to cope with the worldwide rise in terrorism. Tensions between the affluent—walled away within private enclaves—and those less fortunate escalated rapidly as basic medical care facilities collapsed under the weight of each new outbreak. The very pervasiveness of the Net fractured communities into smaller and smaller special-interest groups. And as local police grew increasingly ineffectual and access to deadlier weaponry more commonplace, conflicts spilled over national borders and onto the streets of major urban cities.

The United Nations was forced to admit that their own military was both outmoded and unequipped to deal with these threats, so a new organization was required—UNATCO, an army of seraphim, divinely charged to mete out impartial justice with burning wings and flaming swords...

# Search for Terrorist Leader Intensifies

By

Unknown

APR - New York

UNATCO is working closely with FEMA and other international security agencies around the world to apprehend JC Denton, a terrorist with ties to a number of groups including the NSF, Silhouette, and organized crime in Hong Kong.

“We believe him to be responsible for organizing and leading the attack on Liberty Island and the deaths of a number of UNATCO agents,” said Walton Simons, Director of FEMA. “The necessity of instituting martial law in New York—unheard of in the history of America—is directly attributable to criminal elements operating under his orders.”

Simons went on to say that evidence recovered from the recent bombing of the VersaLife building in Hong Kong demonstrates JC Denton’s involvement “beyond a shadow of a doubt” and points towards an organized, systematic campaign of terror designed to “extort freedom for politically dangerous ideologies through any means necessary.”

Authorities are also seeking any information on the whereabouts of Alex Jacobson or Brian “Jock” Flanagan, key figures in the terrorist organization.

# Seasonal Flooding Minimal

By

Unknown

APR - London, United Kingdom

An article recently published in the Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society indicates that worldwide flooding from melting ice caps will be significantly less this year than in previous years due to an unusually cold winter in the Northern Hemisphere. Dr. Tammy Bright, a professor of climatology at Oxford University, led the study and noted that global tides should rise by no more than “one to two meters on average” in most major cities throughout North America, Europe, Russia, and East Asia. For comparison the high water mark in New York last year was four meters, requiring millions of dollars in additional spending for a network of levees and pumps.

“While theories concerning the significant increase in days below freezing at either pole abound, the practical upshot is that Arctic ice density has grown substantially when compared to any similar period in the last five years.”

# **SOCIETY: Party Against Tomorrow**

By

Kwesi Dodi

SOCIETY: Party Against Tomorrow

New York Voice—Kwesi Dodi

As the rich flee the city in droves by car and—horror of horrors, bus (needs must when the devil drives and the airports are closed)—the rest of us are left to wallow in the empty crypt that has become our city. The sick and homeless shamble about as if they just left a casting call for “Night of the Living Dead,” and the cops obviously came from next door where they’re filming a classic 1990’s Michael Bay action flick. Really, the whole thing is too much. And what does Kwesi recommend when it gets to be too much? Why party, of course!

It’s not with historical precedent, children. Those of you without zyme-addled attention spans may remember Boccaccio’s classic *\_Decameron\_* (and that’s Boccaccio the 14th century writer, and not Boccaccio the jungle-thud DJ tripmaster), where a bunch of young, hottie Florentines decided to flee another one of these boring little plagues and hole up with a few too many bottles of wine, tell outrageous stories, and have a go at each other once in a while.

So, speaking only for Kwesi, I’m going to invite over about 80 of my nearest and dearest—soon to be nearer and dearer—with all the food and recreational drugs they can carry, then lock the doors. Good night, children!



# Somnolente Ile Scandal Resurfaces

By

Unknown

Paris Investigateur

Accusations of cover-ups within President Bourges-Maunoury's administration have recently appeared in several tabloid publications, linking key members of his Council of Ministers to the Somnolente Ile scandal that resulted in President Serra's exit from politics five years ago. Somnolente Ile, an exclusive resort in Cote d'Azur, was the site of a clandestine meeting between then President Serra and reputed members of the Zuganov crime family in an attempt to funnel almost three billion crs of tainted money through French banks.

The deal was reportedly brokered by a cabal of major banking interests—including deceased financier Beth DuClare, though her involvement was never proved. Some sources went so far as to suggest that the entire meeting was the result of a plot hatched by the “Bilderbergs,” a supposedly secret society formed of wealthy and powerful industrialists shortly after World War II.

President Bourges-Maunoury has dismissed the accusations as “ludicrous,” calling such stories “the lowest example of irresponsible journalism” before refusing further comment.

# Tai-Fun

By

Lin Yeoh

Tai-Fun

by Lin Yeoh

...The history of the Triads is in many ways the history of modern China. Popular myth holds that the Triads originated as a resistance movement against the Ching dynasty after it descended from Manchuria to seize the capital of Peking by force. When faced with a rebellion in the Fukien province, the Ching dynasty recruited an order of warrior monks who were later deemed expendable by the Emperor and all but exterminated. Survivors organized a number of secret monasteries and became known as the “Hung Mun,” dedicated to overthrowing the Chings.

The Hung Mun showed a remarkable political adaptability, portraying themselves as protectors of the people even as they accepted money from Japanese corporate fronts during WWII...

# Ten Dead in Gang Slaying

By

Unknown

APR - Hong Kong, China

The simmering gang war in Hong Kong exploded onto the streets overnight when ten were killed during an attack on a local establishment, the Lucky Money Club. Located in the Wan Chai district, the Lucky Money Club has generally been associated with organized criminal activity. Eyewitness reports were few, but local authorities suspect that members of the Luminous Path Triad may have been involved in the attack.

All ten victims had extensive criminal records. Each was killed with traditional weapons, their throats savagely cut in an ancient ritual typically employed as a punishment for betrayal.

# Terrorist Bombing Kills 35

By

Unknown

APR - Hong Kong, China

A terrorist attack on the VersaLife building in Hong Kong has at last count left 35 dead and over a 100 wounded. As authorities continue to search the shattered structure through the early morning hours, the hope for locating any survivors among the remaining missing dwindles.

VersaLife, a division of Page Industries (NASDAQ:PAGI), has long been on the cutting edge of genetic, biological, and pharmaceutical research, virtually becoming synonymous with treatments for such virulent plagues as AIDS and the Century Flu. Neither local police nor UNATCO would speculate on possible motives for such an attack, though both confirmed that it was the result of direct terrorist action. When reached for comment, VersaLife released a short statement saying "We are shocked and saddened by this horrible tragedy, but must turn our attention towards comforting those who have lost a loved one to this senseless violence."

UNATCO is currently seeking JC Denton, a known terrorist, for questioning.

# Testament of Adept 34501

By

Adept 34501

## Testament of Adept 34501

My name has been taken from me, a thing I need not anymore, and I have been christened Adept 34501. They have set me to keep a record of this place, to record a history of its comings and goings so that Those Who Rule might have the benefit of its knowledge...

... today saw the arrival of Agent Hermann. He is a simple thing, fitted to a dark purpose by forces he cannot understand. In a way, I feel pity for him—an emotion that I know will prevent my advancement beyond the Third Rank—but it is pity I feel nonetheless. He has spent most of his time below in the technology archive, staring at the ancient cross above his head. He burns with a hatred that I can feel, for himself and for someone else. Periodically he will receive holographic communications from Simons, after which his hatred burns all the brighter. I think it has burned away everything human in him, and only the metal holds him together anymore...

Adept 34501, Order of the Night Sky, Third Rank

# The Doctrine of the Mighty

By

The Majestic Council of the Twelve

The Doctrine of the Mighty

by The Majestic Council of the Twelve

It is a commonly held precept that two are stronger than one, and that four are stronger than two, and that sixteen are by far stronger than four; with this, there can be no argument. If all of human history is but a single lesson, it is that the individual may be remembered, but the organization persists and thrives. A single artist, a single general, a single hero or a single villain may all die, but it is impossible to kill a people, a nation, an idea—except when that idea has grown weak and is overpowered by one that is stronger.

This then is the true calling of those who would be mighty and join They Who Rule the World in Majesty, to shun all that is empty fame and glory; to eliminate weak thoughts, weak hands, and weak ideas; to give up vain individuality and instead become part of something that is glorious and strong. This is the First Secret, that by surrendering that part of you that is the least, you are elevated to the Most. The First Secret shall set you free, and those who know their duty will find in it the keys to immortality.

The Second Secret can be explained to all, but truly understood only by those who have submitted to the first Body and Soul...

# The Eye of Argon

By

Jim Theis

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The weather beaten trail wound ahead into the dust racked climes of the baren land which dominates large portions of the Norgolian empire. Age worn hoof prints smothered by the sifting sands of time shone dully against the dust splattered crust of earth. The tireless sun cast its parching rays of incandescence from overhead, half way through its daily revolution. Small rodents scampered about, occupying themselves in the daily accomplishments of their dismal lives. Dust sprayed over three heaving mounts in blinding clouds, while they bore the burdensome cargoes of their struggling overseers.

“Prepare to embrace your creators in the stygian haunts of hell, barbarian”, gasped the first soldier.

“Only after you have kissed the fleeting stead of death, wretch!” returned Grignr...

# The Man Who Was Thursday

By

G.K. Chesterton

## Part One

...Syme had never thought of asking whether the monstrous man who almost filled and broke the balcony was the great President of whom the others stood in awe. He knew it was so, with an unaccountable but instantaneous certainty. Syme, indeed, was one of those men who are open to all the more nameless psychological influences in a degree a little dangerous to mental health. Utterly devoid of fear in physical dangers, he was a great deal too sensitive to the smell of spiritual evil. Twice already that night little unmeaning things had peeped out at him almost pruriently, and given him a sense of drawing nearer and nearer to the head-quarters of hell. And this sense became overpowering as he drew nearer to the great President...

## Part Two

“...First of all, what is it really all about? What is it you object to? You want to abolish Government?”

“To abolish God!” said Gregory, opening the eyes of a fanatic. “We do not only want to upset a few despotisms and police regulations; that sort of anarchism does exist, but it is a mere branch of the Nonconformists. We dig deeper and we blow you higher. We wish to deny all those arbitrary distinctions of vice and virtue, honour and treachery, upon which mere rebels base themselves. The silly sentimentalists of the French Revolution talked of the Rights of Man! We hate Rights as we hate Wrongs. We have abolished Right and Wrong.”

“And Right and Left,” said Syme with a simple eagerness, “I hope you will



abolish them too. They are much more troublesome to me...”

### Part Three

...“Professor,” he cried, “it is intolerable. Are you afraid of this man?” The Professor lifted his heavy lids, and gazed at Syme with large, wide-open, blue eyes of an almost ethereal honesty. “Yes, I am,” he said mildly. “So are you.”

Syme was dumb for an instant. Then he rose to his feet erect, like an insulted man, and thrust the chair away from him.

“Yes,” he said in a voice indescribable, “you are right. I am afraid of him. Therefore I swear by God that I will seek out this man whom I fear until I find him, and strike him on the mouth. If heaven were his throne and the earth his footstool, I swear that I would pull him down.”

“How?” asked the staring Professor. “Why?”

“Because I am afraid of him,” said Syme; “and no man should leave in the universe anything of which he is afraid...”

### Part Four

Both combatants had thrown off their coats and waistcoats, and stood sword in hand. The second stood on each side of the line of fight with drawn swords also, but still sombre in their dark frock-coats and hats. The principals saluted. The Colonel said quietly, “Engage!” and the two blades touched and tingled.

When the jar of the joined iron ran up Syme’s arm, all the fantastic fears that have been the subject of this story fell from him like dreams from a man waking up in bed. He remembered them clearly and in order as mere delusions of the nerves—how the fear of the Professor had been the fear of the tyrannic accidents of nightmare, and how the fear of the Doctor had been the fear of the airless vacuum of science. The first was the old fear that any miracle might happen, the second the more hopeless modern fear that no miracle can ever happen. But he saw that these fears were fancies, for he found himself in the presence of the great fact of the fear of death, with its

coarse and pitiless common sense. He felt like a man who had dreamed all night of falling over precipices, and had woke up on the morning when he was to be hanged. For as soon as he had seen the sunlight run down the channel of his foe's foreshortened blade, and as soon as he had felt the two tongues of steel touch, vibrating like two living things, he knew that his enemy was a terrible fighter, and that probably his last hour had come.

## Part Five

...“I think,” said Dr. Bull with precision, “that I am lying in bed at No. 217 Peabody Buildings, and that I shall soon wake up with a jump; or, if that's not it, I think that I am sitting in a small cushioned cell in Hanwell, and that the doctor can't make much of my case. But if you want to know what I don't think, I'll tell you. I don't think what you think. I don't think, and I never shall think, that the mass of ordinary men are a pack of dirty modern thinkers. No, sir, I'm a democrat, and I still don't believe that Sunday could convert one average navy or counter-jumper. No, I may be mad, but humanity isn't.”

Syme turned his bright blue eyes on Bull with an earnestness which he did not commonly make clear.

“You are a very fine fellow,” he said. “You can believe in a sanity which is not merely your sanity. And you're right enough about humanity, about peasants and people like that jolly old innkeeper. But you're not right about Renard. I suspected him from the first. He's rationalistic, and, what's worse, he's rich. When duty and religion are really destroyed, it will be by the rich.”

## Part Six

... “I never hated you,” said Syme very sadly.

Then out of this unintelligible creature the last thunders broke.

“You!” he cried. “You never hated because you never lived. I know what you are all of you, from first to last - you are the people in power! You are the police - the great fat, smiling men in blue and buttons! You are the Law, and you have never been broken. But is there a free soul alive that does not long to break you, only because you have never been broken? We in revolt talk all

kind of nonsense doubtless about this crime or that crime of the Government. It is all folly! The only crime of the Government is that it governs. The unpardonable sin of the supreme power is that it is supreme. I do not curse you for being cruel. I do not curse you (though I might) for being kind. I curse you for being safe! You sit in your chairs of stone, and have never come down from them. You are the seven angels of heaven, and you have had no troubles. Oh, I could forgive you everything, you that rule all mankind, if I could feel for once that you had suffered for one hour a real agony such as I...”

# **The Modern Terrorist's Handbook**

By

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## Section 7C. Computer Virus Cultivation

One tool (or weapon) not to be neglected in the arsenal of the modern terrorist is the use of computer viruses to cause disruption to major city services and infrastructure, or other targets of opportunity. Current heuristical viral stalkers are ineffective against modern polymorphic “hothouse” engines available from many sites on the UnderNet, and can be easily linked to IP-tunnellers for a cheap, effective denial of service attack—or, with some programming skills and icebreakers, a mutagenic crash ‘n grab bird can be grown for the retrieval of special info from the unfortunate victims..

The following pages will discuss some of the more typical viruses, such as the Bandersnatchv128, Ulysses Dilemma, and I09...

# The Reluctant Dictators

By

Travis Crockett

The Reluctant Dictators

by Travis Crockett

Introduction

Organized at the end of the American Revolution on May 13, 1783, by General George Washington, the Order of the Cincinnati was ostensibly formed as a fraternity to recognize the accomplishments of those officers who had served with distinguishment during the Revolution. However, the true purpose of the Order was the cultivation of a military force ready, willing, and able to accomplish a coup d'état if the fledgling American democracy began to stumble.

Skeptical at the viability of the untried democratic system, Washington took counsel in the story of the Roman general Cincinnatus who was called from retirement to serve as Dictator for sixteen days in the defense of Rome, after which he returned home to his farm. In the wake of the Revolution, the United States was vulnerable to any number of outside forces, and Washington felt that a strong, central authority had to be present that could assume control of the government if necessary—and “temporarily” suspend the Constitution if required.

Washington resigned as President after only two terms in office, but remained President of the Order of the Cincinnati till his death. The Order still exists to this day, a shadow organization of the wealthy and powerful that has been linked to any number of other organizations ranging from the Illuminati to the Trilateral Commission...

# The True Way

By

Kishiro Yoshitaka

The True Way

by Kishiro Yoshitaka

...If one is to imagine the “perfect sword” that can cut and swing with no resistance, a sword that is an extension of the mind and heart of the warrior who wields it and not a dead weight of steel, then it becomes clear that the sword is of little consequence compared to the will of the strategist. Those who would master the Way must come to understand this: a sword is a tool whose purpose is to cut. Each day the strategist must practice this until it is not practice, but a part of their spirit. The strategist knows that every sword they wield is perfect, for their will is perfect, and it is through their will alone that they win battles...

# Thomas Mann's will

By

Thomas Mann

Last will and... who the hell am I kidding.

Ridley was a traitor. No idea who he was working for and I don't really care. He's dead now. He was one of the scientists. He set explosives, drowned half the lab. Killed most of the others by remote when the robots and turrets went crazy. A computer virus. Something. Kept babbling about illuminated ones right up until the end right before I put a bullet in his head. Better than he deserved.

One of those stupid turrets tagged me in the kidney and gut I can feel myself bleeding out... someone should know what happened. I know they'll come back. A debriefing team... is what they call them. But we'll all be dead by then. So screw you whoever finds this.

Last will and testa...

Thomas Mann

# Trooper's journal

By

Unknown

...I don't know how I pulled this assignment. I was told that this was a "private security organization," but I should've known something was going on when they didn't ask about the damned discharge. Stupid. Now I'm walking the line at some gloomy ass church in the middle of Paris, nothing for company but a bunch of brain-dead zombies dressed in black and that crazy cook—keeps rattling on about temples or templars and how he used to cook for the rich or something... I don't know. Food isn't all that great. Can't even get a bottle of ketchup. And then this German mech-aug shows up yesterday. I knew a lot of stone-cold people in the service, and this guy looks like he's got murder on his mind...

He stands down there in the tech archive like a bot—I was on patrol in the cellar for 10 hours and he didn't move once. Inhuman. It's like he's waiting for something. I think I heard him crying once...



# U.S. Prez Sells Out

By

Joe Greene

NEW YORK—President Philip Riley Mead’s executive order repaying the United States debt to the United Nations is viewed by many as a positive step towards global peace—but others sense darker motives at work. Some sources have privately commented that the order is nothing more than a tacit endorsement of a new world government and its private military, the United Nations Anti-Terrorist Coalition (UNATCO).

Few can forget Mead’s impassioned declaration that the shattered Statue of Liberty would not be repaired but instead stand as a reminder that “terrorism must be eradicated if we are to be free.” It was shortly thereafter that Liberty Island was selected as the location of UNATCO headquarters, their dubious charter highlighted by the mysterious and still largely unexplained circumstances behind the Statue bombing.

No doubt President Mead’s words will be remembered, even as he sells out his country to the foreign powers that have sought to destroy it for nearly three centuries.—Joe Greene, Senior Staff Writer

# U.S. Situation Worsens

By

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APR - Washington, D.C.

With the declaration of martial law only twenty-four hours ago in the United States, the country is in turmoil and teeters on the edge of social collapse. Numerous Governors, including Jason Findley of Colorado, Gray Haddock of Texas, and Christina Leicht of California, have refused to comply with the Presidential directive or acknowledge the authority of Walton Simons, Director of FEMA. National Guard and other troops mobilized to quell domestic turmoil are in disarray as many units have gone AWOL. In a live NetCast earlier today, General Ed Garner said that he would “give no order, nor allow any order to be given to those under my command that would lead to their taking potentially lethal measures against an unarmed civilian population.” He concluded by saying that “our neighbors are not our enemies.”

General Garner was immediately relieved of command by Walton Simons, resulting in the resignation of N.D. Goper, Secretary of Defense.

Reports that a detachment of UNATCO troops fired on a crowd of protestors in New York City has yet to be verified, though several high-level sources within the government indicate that the situation may have degenerated to the point where UNATCO is no longer operating under governmental supervision. Similar reports have been received from Mexico City, London, Berlin, Paris, and Moscow.

# UNATCO Handbook

By

Unknown

Dedication

Nihil aliud scit necessitas quam vincere.—Syrus

Welcome to UNATCO!

CLASSIFICATION: The U.N. has nine levels of security above Top Secret. This manual and all material that is not otherwise marked is classified as Angel/0A. If you are not Angel/0A or above, report immediately to your supervisor or face disciplinary action. Other classifications will be explained upon reaching higher clearance.

In its efforts to combat terrorism, the U.N. has created UNATCO for the swift deployment of a COORDINATED FORCE to counteract any insurgent operations. You are justifiably proud to be part of this organization: your physical capabilities place you within the upper one percent of national ground combat units, while your mental capabilities have been honed to sharpness by the UNATCO Academy.

But as part of a larger organization, you also understand the necessity to HEED ORDERS from your superiors without hesitation; your superiors are typically briefed on matters for which you may not be cleared, and hesitation on the part of an agent can result in the serious IMPAIRMENT of mission objectives and attendant CASUALTIES.

UNATCO has faith in you, and this faith will be REWARDED in due time as your operational capacities are increased. Brave the darkness, for you carry the torch of freedom.

## UNATCO and the Public

In carrying out our duties, UNATCO agents often come in contact with the public. You are a PEACEKEEPER, and your first objective is to safeguard human life. Though terrorists may see an advantage in harming civilians, UNATCO agents do not. Issue a warning before firing at a suspect and always instruct bystanders to “get down on the ground.” Refrain from firing into large crowds. Every civilian hurt is collateral damage.

However, keep in mind that no civilian with a clearance below Angel/0A should be trusted and may be a potential spy. ANYONE can be a spy, and secrecy is our ally.

**REMEMBER: WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.**

## UNATCO and the Police

In carrying out their duties, UNATCO agents often work with other law-enforcement agencies.

We remain a small, elite organization. Until our ranks expand, we must rely on the cooperation of local police, governments, intelligence agencies, and corporate security divisions. Always be courteous when requesting information or filing an extradition request. As our jurisdiction widens, we will inevitably experience conflicts with some local officials. Do not resort to unnecessary intimidation in these situations, and report any problems to the appropriate UNATCO liaison. Above all, an international law enforcement body requires the RESPECT and SUPPORT of all participating nations.

## UNATCO and the World

For far too long terrorists have exploited international tensions and regional legislative variations to elude authorities.

A significant step was made towards eliminating these legal loopholes when U.S. President Philip Riley Mead lobbied the Congress to make the U.S. a UNATCO member nation: “Enough is enough!” he declared in his landmark State of the Union address, and the citizens of the United States responded

with enthusiastic endorsement of his position. Not only did the United States become a charter member of UNATCO, but UNATCO headquarters are now located on Liberty Island in the shadow of that shattered monument to FREEDOM.

UNATCO deals not only with terrorist threats, but also any transgressions of the international legal code, including drug trafficking, software piracy, and money laundering. With the full support of the United States, UNATCO was for the first time able to truly declare itself the “WORLD’S POLICEMAN.”

### UNATCO and the Future

As science progresses at an ever increasing rate, more and more advanced technology is finding its way into the hands of the common criminal, resulting in a deadly threat to LIFE and PROPERTY throughout the world. While it is impractical to restrict the free-flow of information already present in the public sector, UNATCO is committed to insuring that this threat does not go unaddressed. Even now, UNATCO research and development employs some of the most talented scientific minds in the world to develop proprietary technologies in absolute security for field use by our agents—including such innovations as the XXXXXXXX XXXXXX and XXXXXXXX, or the lifesaving XXXXXX. Under NO circumstances should agents discuss ANY piece of equipment or technique currently employed by UNATCO. Agents operating contrary to this directive will face immediate disciplinary action. Within our laboratories lies not just the future of law enforcement, but a SAFE, SECURE future for all mankind. [Document filtered per UNATCO Terror Monitoring Act 919-05 Sec. IV]

### UNATCO and the Press

Because UNATCO will often deal with situations that cannot easily be contained, agents may unfortunately need to interact with the press. If you are not trained for such interaction, do not—repeat, DO NOT—speak with journalists, regardless of nationality. They are skilled in misdirection and propaganda. Refuse comment. Remember: Security procedures are our first line of defense. SECRETS are LIVES. Always refer reporters at crime scenes to UNATCO information officers and fact management teams.

## Appendix A: Origins of UNATCO

In recent years the swelling tide of international terrorism coupled with enmity between states, wildly varying laws, and an anachronistic devotion to arbitrary borders has resulted in the decreasing effectiveness of local law enforcement. To resolve the problem, a neutral agency was required to enforce international law in an impartial manner around the world.

UNATCO was formed with just such a mission in mind, an organization that could transcend national boundaries and provide security for all nations that subscribe to its charter. Founded with the principles of the United Nations as its cornerstone, UNATCO is FAIR, JUST, and protects the individual liberties of all the citizens of the world.

The criminal thrives on anonymity, but soon there will be no place for them to hide. Victory over terrorism is the prize for our VIGILANCE.

# UNATCO Nabs Terrorists in Hell's Kitchen Raid

By

Unknown

APR - New York

A recent raid on UNATCO's Liberty Island headquarters by members of the National Secessionist Forces (NSF) ended today when UNATCO troops, working in conjunction with local police, assaulted a warehouse in Hell's Kitchen where NSF units were regrouping. While UNATCO casualties were low, few NSF members survived the action which UNATCO Director Joseph Manderley termed a "suicidal last stand on their part."

"We negotiated for hours," said Manderley, "and were prepared to make arrangements for their surrender into custody when an attack was initiated against us by the NSF. We had no choice but to respond with force. Obviously, a complete inquiry into this terrible, unfortunate series of events will be undertaken as soon as possible."

# UNATCO Responds to Terrorist Attack

By

Unknown

New World Press - New York City

A terrorist strike on Liberty Island was blunted this past week when UNATCO forces moved swiftly to neutralize the threat. The attack, the result of a poorly organized attempt to break security at UNATCO Headquarters by the National Secessionist Forces (NSF), was characterized by one unidentified source as a “futile gesture.” Walton Simons, Director of FEMA, worked closely with UNATCO to coordinate both US and UNATCO forces in a joint operation to root out the remaining elements of the terrorist network in New York.

“Terrorism is very much a snake that slithers out of the tall grass,” said Simons. “It is our responsibility to always remain alert to the danger it presents, and to act decisively when it appears.”

Authorities are currently attempting to locate JC Denton, one of the terrorist leaders who escaped in the aftermath of the attack.



# UNATCO Training Manual

By

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## UNATCO TRAINING MANUAL

### Section 3C: Multitools

A “multitool” is not really a tool at all—not in the usual sense of the word—but a disposable electronic device that utilizes electromagnetic resonance detection and frequency modulation to dynamically alter the flow of current through almost any non-hardened circuitry. Skilled agents can use the multitool to manipulate code locks, cameras, autogun turrets, alarms, or other security elements.

Note that multitools CANNOT be used for computer information extraction (see Section 5A: Hacking).

# UNITED STATES INSTITUTES MARTIAL LAW

By

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APR - New York

In a momentous speech held at 2:30PM EST today, Philip Mead announced the declaration of martial law throughout the United States, citing a “fundamental threat to the American way of life in the form of organized, insidious terrorism.” With major American cities already reeling under the impact of the “Gray Death”, looting and rioting have reached disastrous levels while terrorist attacks have grown increasingly ubiquitous, climaxing in the attack on UNATCO headquarters in New York last week. Local authorities have so far proven ineffectual in stemming the tide of violence, and even Washington, D.C., has been hit by an outbreak of the Gray Death. Highly placed sources have speculated that Mead himself may be infected.

President Mead appointed Walton Simons, Director of FEMA, to spearhead an interim council tasked with managing the government response. “We will do everything—everything—that is in our power to restore the peace and security of the average American,” said Simons. “In no way will this violate the civil liberties that have made this country great—instead, we pledge to do everything in our power to safeguard those liberties against all who would see them torn apart.”

# Universal Constructor: Theory, Principles and Practice

By

Wayne Yin

Universal Constructor: Theory, Principles, and Practice

by Wayne Yin

...and thus arose the need for a more generalized theory encompassing a “Universal Constructor” (UC) that would be able to handle such arbitrarily complex nanoscale design problems. Unlike the simple atom by atom nanotech constructors common today, a UC would combine millions upon millions of atoms in a parallel process that could produce materials or mechanisms of unmatched intricacy on a scale currently not possible even with the best nanoscale foundry.

One of the most obvious applications of a UC—if its construction were ever practical—would be the genetic manipulation of lifeforms at the atomic level to cure disease, correct congenial defects, or expand their capabilities in beneficial ways. Theoretically, if an “intelligent,” real-time control program were developed for the UC, then autonomous, artificial nanoscale organisms could be assembled. Careful design could create organisms that might actually exist in “symbiosis” with other life.

However, a UC also creates the tangible threat of a “grey goo” scenario: the design of an organism that is so evolutionarily advanced as to overwhelm the current ecosystem...

# Vishnu's Fall

By

Unknown

Vishnu's Fall

A Brief History of the Indian Crisis

... after the bombing, Indian officials issued a series of stern warnings to Pakistan that were rebuffed with denials of responsibility and dire threats that any attempt to use the bombings as a pretext for military action would be met with force in kind. From the viewpoint of the present-day historiographer this was a crucial event, a game of brinksmanship that had been played between Pakistan and India many, many times before and so, while tragic, it is also easily understood how clear signs of the impending catastrophe might have been ignored.

“Like two kids shoving each other on the playground,” said historian Alistair Brooks. “You never expect them to come to blows.”

That was before Pakistan began the trials of the “Calcutta 16” and both nations descended into a maelstrom of political upheaval that would eventually culminate in the exchange of nuclear warheads...

# Volume One: Defenders of the Faith

By

Richard Baigent

...Upon the deliverance of Jerusalem, the Holy Lands remained in a precarious state, surrounded on all sides by hostile Mohammedan neighbors. It was then that Hugues de Payens, a knight from Champagne, bound himself and eight fellow knights in a vow to forever protect the “Kingdom of Christendom.” Accepted in 1118 by Baldwin II, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, they were given charitable lodgings in the city temple where they became the “pauvres chevaliers du temple,” or the “poor knights of the temple.”

It was not until later at the Council of Troyes that the Templar Knights adopted the austere, monastic Rule of St. Benedict, along with the white garments of the Cistercians—adding to them the characteristic red cross that symbolized their willingness to spill their own blood in the defense of the One True Faith. The Templars quickly became a popular order, renowned as “lions at war and lambs at the hearth.” They were soon exempted by the popes from all secular and episcopal authority save that of the popes themselves, and their lands exempted from all taxation...

# Volume Two: Lions of God

By

Richard Baigent

...and every sovereign of Europe made donations to the order, be it land, money, arms, or men. They triumphed in battle after battle, the first to attack and the last to retreat, “rough knights of the battlefield” as described by Jacques de Virty; if taken prisoner they refused all efforts to secure their freedom, instead becoming martyrs to the cause of God. With every success, the order prospered even further—at their height they were said to have owned over 9000 estates throughout Britain, France, Italy, and the Holy Lands, including a network of castles and commanderies built to protect the frequent pilgrims to Jerusalem. In all but name, the Templars virtually ruled Jerusalem and—in what can only be termed hubris—recognized no temporal authority over their affairs save that of the Church.

By 1250 the coffers of the order had grown so large that it was not uncommon for pilgrims to deposit their money with a temple in London or Paris, and then cash in their receipt upon arriving in Jerusalem, thus establishing the foundations for modern banking and checking accounts...

# Volume Three: Fall of the Knights

By

Richard Baigent

...while many charges can be disputed, it is clear that the more the Knights prospered, the less they became the austere monastic order that had originally been envisioned by de Payens a century before. Eventually even excommunicated men and criminals were accepted—as long as they pledged blind obedience to the order. Rumors of secret initiation rituals and the “osculum infame” (“infame kiss”) flourished, as did stories that they worshipped Baphomet and other false pagan gods.

But it was their rivalry with the Order of the Hospitalers and their continued arrogance that were most responsible for their downfall. When Jerusalem was finally lost to the mighty forces of Saladin, Philip the Fair saw an opportunity to bring the Templars to heel... and greatly expand his own holdings. With the cooperation of the French pope Clement V, Philip accused the Templars of heresy and in 1304 placed all members of the order in France under arrest, subsequently subjecting them to brutal interrogations in an effort to determine whether the rather fanciful charges of sodomy, apostasy, and devil worship were true...

# Volume Four: Descent Into Shadows

By

Richard Baigent

...but despite Clement's later efforts to annul the proceedings, the confessions had become matters of record. Those who repented were spared the flames, while fifty knights who chose to recant their confessions—becoming “relapsi,” relapsed heretics—were promptly burned at the stake. The remaining members of the order in France quickly admitted their guilt, and in 1311 an Apostolic Decree was issued dissolving the order. The Templar Knights had once been subject to no king or law; but in the end, they were swallowed by history.

Many have debated whether the rather ignominious dissolution of the order was entirely accidental, while some have even gone so far as to suggest that it was part of a larger plan on the Templar's part. Such a massive, powerful organization—the argument goes—could not have been brought so low, so easily. Obscure speculation concerning a mysterious holy grail that departed their commandery in Paris has led certain researchers to believe that they may have been protecting the secret of the Holy Grail, or the secret of transmutation, but still others contend that the Templar Knights merely went underground and founded the powerful, secretive banking societies of Switzerland...



# **Deus Ex: Invisible War**

# **A personal invitation to AlexD, from Tarsus Academies**

By

Tarsus Academies

Greetings, Alex. As one of the most outstanding graduates of the Tarsus Academies' primary and secondary school systems, you have been selected to receive a full scholarship to our Security Operations Residency program.

The Tarsus Security Operations Residency is an intensive three-year program of training in leadership, technology, special operations, counterespionage and creative problem solving. As a Tarsus SOR resident you will receive training and instruction from field-grade military officers and strategists, international prize-winning scientists, and pre-eminent experts in all fields. We wish we could tell you just a few of the SOR guest faculty members, but for reasons of personal and corporate security, the list must remain confidential until you confirm your enrollment.

Fewer than a dozen Tarsus graduates worldwide have been invited to participate in our inaugural residency. You, Alex, are one of them. As an SOR resident you will be housed comfortably in your own apartment in our New Chicago training facility located in the elite WTO enclave. Tuition, instructional materials (including your own unrestricted data hub access and holoterminal), comprehensive medical, room and board are all fully paid by Tarsus Academies. In addition, you will receive a generous monthly living stipend. Finally, you will receive free medical screening and pre-operative prep for the very latest in field op biomodification. Residents who successfully complete the initial phase of training will receive a full suite of biomodifications and extensive training in their use.

Tarsus is willing to go to all this expense because we want to take the Tarsus Comprehensive Educational Doctrine® to its logical conclusion.

Our trainees have already been guaranteed premium assignments at IMPORTANT DOSSIERS top corporations, because they are the very best going in, and will be even better coming out. We trust that you, Alex, will be among them.

Please discuss this opportunity with your loved ones and reply with your acceptance within 30 days to: TARSUS.SOR.INVITE. In the meantime, your further questions are welcome, but confidentiality restrictions may apply until acceptance is confirmed.

# AI and Consciousness

By

Unknown

Researchers continue working to generate true sentience in machines, but no success has yet been documented. If we can create such a thing and in a way that would be compatible with the human body and mind, it would allow us to expand consciousness and challenge most common concepts of the soul.

# Antique Goblet Collecting

By

Unknown

With special attention to detail, you can be find real treasures at a garage sale or flea market.

When an item catches your attention, consider it closely. Pay special attention to quality and uniqueness of design.

Study the master marks and designs in the appendix so you can properly identify real craftsmanship. Be sure to choose wisely.

# Bartending

By

Unknown

Ingredients:

Vodka

Raspberry cordial to taste

Cola to taste

Mixing instructions:

Pour vodka into glass. Add cordial until color becomes light red. Add cola until definite color change occurs. Drink.

# Climate of Antarctica

By

Unknown

Antarctica's climate is harsh only to those unprepared. Look at the penguin — perfectly designed and insulated for dealing with the extreme temperatures — a feat of natural engineering.

# Coffee Science

By

Unknown

1,3,7-trimethylxanthine is the major pharmacologically active ingredient in coffee. Also known as caffeine, it is quickly absorbed into the blood and body tissues following consumption. Its property as an adenosine antagonist enhances its action on the central nervous system as a stimulant.



# Cryogenics

By

Unknown

Cryogenics We've made vast strides in controlling and sustaining body functions for patients in cryostate. The mortality rate for reawakening has also dropped to acceptable risk levels; however, it must be remembered that individuals emerging from the state are often weak and disoriented for a period of time.

# Detective Dirk Murchison

By

Unknown

I knew she was trouble the moment she walked into my office. She was the kind of woman who never went to Lower Seattle without a pair of sentinels on a leash, yet here she was on my doormat, rain-soaked, alone and vulnerable. So why was I afraid?

He was some WTO hotshot, that's how she started. He ruled the New Seattle society and had the SSC in his back pocket. The only way she could find a detective brave enough to go after him was by heading down the inclinator and to my office. Was it brave enough? Or stupid enough? Didn't matter to me, I would have done anything for a curve like her. That, and the bill collectors had drained the last of my credits.

She was afraid he was going to rub her out, try and lay his hands on her family fortune. He had a mistress somewhere on the platform above, and she was in on the plot. Then there was his bodyguard, "Barry the Juice". After the last time I crossed him I knew even a holo-mail from him would try to strangle me. Getting involved in all this was a bad idea, but hell, bad ideas are my job.

# Frankenstein

By

Mary Shelley

Follow me; I seek the everlasting ices of the north, where you will feel the misery of cold and frost, to which I am impassive. You will find near this place, if you follow not too tardily, a dead hare; eat and be refreshed. Come on, my enemy; we have yet to wrestle for our lives, but many hard and miserable hours must you endure until that period shall arrive.

# Inclinor as Gatekeeper

By

Unknown

There are those that revere the Inclinor as a symbol of connectedness between Upper and Lower Seattle, but those living in the shadow of the platformed city know it is a myth. The Inclinor divides more than it connects. It ensures that only a select few can pass over the gap between the haves and the have-nots. It guards against the “wrong kind” of person travelling into the bright, clean streets of Upper Seattle.

# Jacob's War

By

Andrew Hammond

## Chapter One

Cold light fell on the chessboard. He watched her face, always her face, floating in the darkness over the white king

“When did they let you out of hell?” he asked.

“Tuesday,” she said.

“I should have known.”

“Why? Because we were married?”

“No. Because there was an eclipse on Tuesday.”

“Ah.” She picked up the king and idly twirled it between her fingers.

“Why are you here?”

She laughed, a small sound, but it made him shiver. “Because we’re going to do what you like best, Jacob. We’re going to play a game...”

# Joan's book of Military Transgenics

By

Joan

One of the latest developments in military transgenic application, the RUCK has shown great promise in experimental implementation and military testing.

The original head of the problem attempted to use Orangutans as the base unit, but results from the passive ape were disastrous. A new staff of researchers applied a biomodified strain of *Papio ursinus*, or baboon. The beast has shown tremendous utility as a military unit. It responds well to brutal leadership, works well in a pack, and is a vicious combatant.

The RUCK is about 80 kg unequipped, and is usually armed with a set of varied proxmines. The unit can maneuver in almost total darkness and is equipped to be undetectable to most sensors and listening devices. Its decision making ability is weaker than most field grade AIs, but the affordability of the unit offsets its weakness.

Commanders of units to be deployed with RUCKs are encouraged to issue boltcasters to all personnel. Tranquilizing is often needed prior to transport, and there is a slim chance that the unit could become hostile to allied troops.

# Join the SSC!

By

Unknown

- Help your neighbors. SSC makes your hometown safer. Be a part of the solution to post-Collapse crime.
- See the world - Or if you prefer, be deployed in many faraway and exiting locations.
- Make money - Hefty paychecks plus ample opportunity for hazard bonuses  
— Join SSC now!

# Mako Catalog

By

Unknown

Bestsellers on sale!

Flamethrower - 950

Pistol - 60

Rocket Launcher - 875

Shotgun - 100

SMG - 345

Sniper Rifle - 450

Watch for our upcoming price reductions on last year's mods!



# Modern Ammo

By

Unknown

With the advent of the universal ammo clip, soldiers and sportsmen no longer need struggle with multiple types and gauges of ammunition. This device collects ambient material and uses nanites to convert it into energy and solid projectiles for any type of weapon. It marks a revolution in firearms technology.

# Nanotech at Low Temperatures

By

Unknown

We see interesting behaviors and potentials in nanotech at lower temperatures. Nanites in a hypothermic body slow along with other body functions. Out in the open, however, the cold can augment the nanites' eutactic properties, enabling them to transform surroundings in ways impossible at standard temperatures.

# Ohio State Bobbleheads

By

Unknown

Once you've assembled your collection, you want to keep each piece in perfect condition. This means scrupulous cleaning on a regular basis and safe storage away from dust and strong vibrations. Be careful not to use harsh cleansers or else you may damage the finish. Do not overstimulate the spring during cleaning or your head may cease to bobble.

# On Liberty

By

John Stuart Mill

...I believe that the practical principal in which safety resides, the ideal to be kept in view... may be conveyed in these words: the greatest dissemination of power consistent with efficiency; but the greatest possible centralization of information and diffusion of it from the center... This central organ should have a right to know all that is done, and its special duty should be that of making the knowledge acquired in one place available to others... [I]ts advice would naturally carry much authority; but its actual power, as a permanent institution, should, I conceive, be limited to compelling the local officers to obey the laws laid down for their guidance. In all things not provided for by general rules, those officers should be left to their own judgement.

# **Our Love Affair with The Bean**

By

Unknown

One day, Kaldi found his goats gathered curiously around a dark green leafed shrub with bright red berries. After trying them himself, he discovered their powerful stimulating effect. Monks at a local monastery soon began relying on the berries' effects to stay awake during extended hours of prayer. And so, coffee was born.

# Panzerwerks Catalog

By

Unknown

## Large-scale Bots

HS-66 Hunter-Seeker Bot: Sleek and nimble, but it still gets the job done. Railgun.

RB-76 Military Bot: Panzerwerks premiere large-scale bot. A tank that thinks. Rocket launcher.

## Security Bots

CC-75 Security Bot: Our popular bulldog model. Flexible enough for home or commercial use. Equipped with shot gun.

SP69/75 Aero Security Bot: Great for patrolling areas that are otherwise difficult to maneuver in. Equipped with light and twin SMG's

# Senjin Braeden's journal

By

Senjin Braeden

My family was once proud and powerful, but after the Collapse the cursed WTO 'regime' changed all that. My father, Eldrin Braeden, fought them, pushing for diversity and civil freedom. But he lost...something I have to accept. He wasn't strong enough. But now my brothers and cousins and I are old enough to carry on the fight—our family is ruined, but we've moved into the underground.

Seeing the world through the sniper's scope, Falen has already taken several of their officers down over the last year, and Sheets continues to spy on their administrators, picking up critical intel data. Lir is keeping a journal of what our oppressors would call our 'subversive' activities. The saddest twist is that Kaleb has broken with the family and now works directly with the WTO. My anger over this betrayal burns like phosphorous. I swear...I will see my own brother executed for this.

We're going to build up a Resistance movement and smash those bastards and their so-called laws of economic prosperity.

Senjin Braeden

# Sneak Peak: Mag Rail

By

Unknown

Inside info for our preferred customers:

Besides its impressive accuracy and damage ratios, this lightweight and effective high-energy weapon affords you the ability to shoot through most walls and obstacles. A must-have for any collector.



# Tarsus SOR Program: Billie Adams

By

Unknown

In many ways, Billie Adams is both the most and the least successful of the Stage 2 SOR residents. On the one hand, she has absorbed her Stage 1 academic and physical training with an efficiency, and to a degree, that demonstrates her suitability for Stage 2. However, her behavioral adaptability is far less encouraging.

Adams grew up in post-Collapse Old Chicago, and her early experiences on the streets left her cynical and hardened, with a particular mistrust for institutional authority. Her impulses have frequently led her into conflict, bordering on insubordination, with her instructors. However, she has been retained in the SOR program due to her high competency, as well as her REFERENCE OMITTED AT YOUR SECURITY CLASSIFICATION.

Billie has shown an interest in subversive thought and organizations that must be carefully monitored. She has formed a quasi-familial affection for fellow Stage 2 resident AlexD, which can perhaps be used to moderate her more volatile traits.

# **Tarsus SOR Program: Dr Leila Nassif**

By

Unknown

Personnel Profile: Dr. Leila Nassif Position: Coordinator, Seattle Advanced Training Facility Status: Active

Born in poverty in Cairo, at age 6 Leila Nassif was accepted into a local Tarsus Elementary program on a need-based scholarship. She thrived under the Tarsus program, and over the next 22 years completed an education that culminated in an MS degree in Administrative Science and a medical degree from Seville Medical Center, with certifications in biomodification and psychology. After four years as assistant administrator of the Quito Reconstructive Therapy Center, she was offered her current position.

Despite her youth, Dr. Nassif has shown herself to be fully qualified for her position. Energetic, personable and highly empathic, Dr. Nassif has earned the loyalty and affection of her students. Having herself benefited extensively from Tarsus-backed scholarship programs, she can closely identify with the experiences of her residents. Her deep and abiding loyalty to the underlying principles of Tarsus ensure that she will carry out her mission in the SOR with objectivity and efficiency.

# **Tarsus SOR Program: Klara Sparks**

By

Unknown

Klara Sparks sailing through her studies with alacrity, has also demonstrated a degree of empathy far surpassing any of her Stage 2 counterparts. She shows great potential for a career in negotiation or conflict resolution. Klara is charismatic, with a genuine affection for both her fellow residents and her instructors. She is an excellent motivator of others. Her loyalty to the Tarsus program and her commitment to its ideals are absolute.

Klara's main drawback as a trainee is a tendency to subordinate her own progress to that of others. In fact, her close friendship with fellow resident Leo Jankowski has evolved into an almost co-dependent relationship, with Leo dominating Klara's achievements in order to validate his own imagined superiority, and Klara holding back from her full potential in order not to threaten Leo. It is hoped that reintegrating Leo and Klara with the New Chicago Stage 2 trainees will break this cycle, and allow both to progress more according to their respective potentials.

# **Tarsus SOR Program: Leo Jankowski**

By

Unknown

Personnel Profile: Leo Jankowski Position: SOR Resident, Stage 2, Seattle  
Facility Status: Active

A top performer, Leo Jankowski has consistently shown an extremely high level of assertiveness, as well as remarkable loyalty and an unusual degree of suggestibility. These traits combined suggest that he is uniquely qualified for a future in military field operations. His physical prowess is exceptional, while his academic achievement can best be described as adequate. His highest academic achievements have all related to biomodification science, probably due to his great eagerness to complete the biomodification process.

Leo's aggressive impulses must be moderated, as they tend to manifest themselves as overconfidence to the point of arrogance. Because of his ability to physically exceed fellow Stage 2 trainee Klara Sparks, he has convinced himself that he is the "star pupil" of the SOR program. It is hoped that exposure to fellow trainees Billie and AlexD will help Leo attain a more realistic appraisal of his own capabilities.

Because of his interest in military specialization, Leo has been allowed to participate in a limited number of low-level security operations. In the field, he has so far conducted himself in a disciplined and efficient fashion.

# The Blood of the Champion

By

Unknown

Everyone knows who he is. Every young athlete mimics his signature stare after a score. He has earned the largest endorsement contracts of any professional player who has ever lived. Each of us has watched the holosims of his extraordinary games, marveling at what the human body is capable of. So is it possible that Jerry Wildman, the man who captured the hearts of the world could be returning to the league?

WTO spokesmen are revealing that the former star of the corporate team has regretted his retirement, and is planning an intensive program of training and nanotherapy to prepare for a return to the field. League rules are still unclear on the management of nanoaugmentation among players, but the return of Wildman may force the issue. Rumors abound that he is a candidate for Piezochem augmentation, and if true his fading physicality will be rejuvenated, while his mind for the game has never been sharper.

Next season will be an interesting one, and I recommend you purchase the entire season viewing package. I know I will.

# **The Dentons: Myth and Mystery**

By

Unknown

Although many of his actions remain shrouded in mystery, we do know that JC Denton played a major role in resolving the Gray Death plague; however, some suspect that he also initiated The Collapse. He began as an agent for UNATCO, but realizing that it was corrupt, he joined his brother Paul and the NSF revolutionaries.

Both JC and Paul remain powerful and mysterious figures in the global imagination, even though no one has heard from either in decades. A few radical thinkers believe the Dentons will return, but most have concluded that they simply perished in The Collapse.

# The Lies of Mars

By

Unknown

The words still ring in our ears “Yo estoy aqui. Todos estamos aqui. Humanidad ahora habita dos mundos.”(1) With that statement a human being stepped onto Martian soil. With those words our world changed. OR DID IT!!

(1)“I am here. We are here. Mankind now inhabits two worlds”

Independent investigators have been gathering evidence for the past year that the international crew of eight never reached Mars at all, but instead holo-simmed the entire landing from the newly established lunar colony. WTO officials refuse to respond to the allegations and those who try to educate the public about this deception are called crackpots and loonies on the Talk Bullets.

The death of Dr. Martin Xelos in a helicopter crash earlier this year has likely sealed our access to the real story forever. As the last surviving member of the famed Mars crew, he was dogged by truth seekers determined to uncover the deception. In his last interview on the subject he lashed out at those who questioned the “landing”, but was obviously filled with fear that his participation in the great lie was close to being exposed. Now the world may never know the truth.

# The Pilgrim's Progress

By

John Bunyan

... I turned my head to look back and saw Ignorance come up to the River side: but he soon got over... For it happened, that there was then in that place one Vain-hope a ferry-man... When he was come up to the Gate he looked up to the writing that was above, and then began to knock, supposing that entrance should have been quickly administered to him... [But The King] commanded the two Shining Ones... to go out and take Ignorance and bind him hand and foot, and have him away. Then they took him up, and carried him through the air to the door that I saw in the side of the hill, and put him in there. Then I saw that there was a way to Hell, even from the Gates of Heaven, as well as from the City of Destruction.



# The Praise of Folly

By

Erasmus

... And now, lest I may seem to have taken upon me the name of goddess without cause, you shall in the next place understand how far my deity extends, and what advantage by it I have brought both to gods and men. For, if it was not unwisely said by somebody, that this only is to be a god, to help men; and if they are deservedly enrolled among the gods that first brought in corn and wine and such other things as are for the common good of mankind, why am not I of right the alpha, or first, of all the gods? who being but one, yet bestow all things on all men. For... what is more sweet or more precious than life? And yet from whom can it more properly be said to come than from me?

# The Republic

By

Plato

‘[T]here are two things that can ruin and corrupt the rest of our workers.’

‘What are they?’

‘Wealth and poverty,’ I said.

‘And how do they do it?’

‘Well, do you think that a potter who has become rich will want to ply his trade any longer?’

‘No.’

‘He will become more idle and careless than he was, won’t he?’

‘Much more.’

‘And so a worse potter.’

‘Yes, much worse.’

‘And again, if he is prevented by poverty from providing himself with tools and other necessities of his trade the quality of his work will deteriorate, and his sons and anyone else studying the trade under him will not be taught it so well.’

‘Inevitably.’

‘Both poverty and wealth, therefore, have a bad effect on the quality of the

work and on the workman himself.'

# Tommy the Talking Greasel

By

Stewart Deere

Tommy was a Greasel. He looked scary. He sounded scary. But he was not like the other Greasels. He was nice. And he could talk!

He was always afraid of Bloodstain, the large red greasel who was the leader of his pack. Bloodstain always wanted to hurt people, and cats, and rats, and pigeons. Tommy liked all of the people and animals, but he was not strong enough to stop Bloodstain and the other greasels from hurting them.

Bloodstain could not talk, and was very angry when he found out Tommy could. He spit at Tommy over and over, and Tommy was lucky to get away alive.

Then Tommy found Timmy, a little boy in a wheelchair who could not walk or talk. When Timmy saw Tommy his eyes went wide with fear, but Tommy said “don’t be afraid, I am not a monster, I am a transgenic. I will ride around in your lap and talk for you. I was created to serve you. We can be friends.” At first Timmy’s mother did not like the idea, but when she learned that Tommy could talk she laughed and laughed.

You see? Not all transgenic creatures are bad. If we give them a chance they can be our friends!

# **Tomorrow Becomes Yesterday**

By

Unknown

## Chapter XII: The Grays

The mysterious Gray continues to elude researchers. They are suspected to be more intelligent and less belligerent than other transgenics. Some theorize that the Grays were being evolved as shock troopers for extreme conditions.

# Upper and Lower Seattle

By

Unknown

Seattle rose from the ashes of the Collapse by building onward and upward. Pillars were erected in the center of the old city, representing the city's firm resolve to continue and to raise itself up. Upper Seattle was constructed on a platform laid on these pillars, with Lower Seattle nestled safely beneath, and an Inclinator connecting the two levels.

# Wound Ballistics

By

Unknown

Wound ballistics studies the affect of penetrating missile projectiles on targettedsic living tissue. A bullet's objective is to crush and destroy the tissue it hits directly and to cause additional damage by stretching the adjacent tissues. Tissue disruption is a product of the mass and velocity of the projectile and the type of tissue that is hit.

# WTO Gun Laws

By

Unknown

Marksmen and collectors should be aware of the WTO enclaves' gun laws. Carrying concealed weapons is permitted, however, some areas will require you to submit to weapons bytecode safety-locking for the duration of your visit. These codes freeze all weapons until the unlock signal is sent upon exit.



# **Your Friend, Coffee**

By

Unknown

- Regular consumption can assist in moderating asthma attacks.
- Can increase the speed of rapid information processing by 10 percent.
- Inverse association between coffee drinking and risk of suicide.
- Protective effect of coffee against colon or colorectal cancers.
- Greater intake has been associated with decreased risk of kidney stones.

# Zero Point Energy

By

Unknown

Report to Congress on the progress of the Zero Point Energy Project

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...we have successfully harnessed Zero Point Energy. Within the year, Zero Point Energy converters can be online to provide all inhabitants of the Earth with a clean and cost-free energy source.

# **Deus Ex: Human Revolution**

# A Coalition For Liberty

By

Unknown

## The UN's Responsibility to the World

In an age that has seen the rise of terrorism as a means of geopolitical change, an age where no one nation can truly be called upon to shoulder the burden of security and law enforcement, one must dare to consider that the time has come for the United Nations to step up and accept this responsibility.

A force, unbound by borders or the whims of governments and corporate interests, is needed in this uncertain time. In the wake of ongoing atrocities perpetrated by fanatics and criminals, the need for such an organization cannot be denied.

It is proposed that the UN commence a series of evaluation studies, to consider with great seriousness the future creation of a new trans-national anti-terror force. The freedoms we take for granted are under siege, and without guardians of liberty, they may be lost.

# A Frontier Too Far?

By

Unknown

An impoverished NASA and a marginalized European Space Agency mean the dream of travel to Mars and beyond goes unfulfilled; only China's and America's militaries field regular flights, watching each other down the barrels of their particle cannons. In space, the coldest of cold wars rumbles on; echoing the NATO/Soviet confrontations of the 1980's.

At present, the only space science of any note is taking place at Moonbase Omega, a small colony near Clavius. Plans to expand the facility exist, but it may be some time before they come to fruition.

However, in near-earth orbit corporate interests thrive, with automated orbital factories producing materials in microgravity environments, among constellations of communications and spy satellites. Other plans for space commercialization are in development, including an orbital resort for the mega-rich. A slow and steady corporate takeover of the "high frontier" looms.

# Advanced Clock Building

By

Unknown

Ingenious Mechanical Devices: The Automata of Al-Jazari

Al-Jazari's so-called 'Elephant Clock', conceived in 1206, was not only the first iteration of a water-powered timepiece capable of accurately registering the hours of the day in their irregular lengths, but also first to utilize the aesthetic device of a clockwork automata - a chirping bird and human striking a cymbal. The length of the clock's hourly intervals could be 'reprogrammed' by the adjustment of a flow regulator mechanism.

Al-Jazari's later designs, building on his works with hydro-powered automata and detailed in his writings appearing in his Book of Knowledge of Ingenious Mechanical Devices, would include the 'castle clock'; this mechanism is widely regarded by many scholars as history's first programmable mechanical (née analog) computer system, and in addition to showing the passage of time, it also featured a display of celestial zodiac, and the orbits of the sun and the moon.

# Arms (and Legs) for Man: The Structure of Cybernetic Limbs

By

Hugh Darrow

From a seminar by Hugh Darrow for BBC Four, Spring 2009

The form and function of what are commonly known as cybernetic limbs - that is, mechanical augmentation prosthetics - can be summed up in a single word; improvement.

These augmentation technologies replace feet, hands, legs, or arms with a synthetic model that can easily replicate, if not surpass, the abilities of an organic limb.

In cross-section, cyber-limbs are composed of muscles made from electroactive polymer bunches arranged around artificial bones that are, in turn, formed from dense superplastics or lightweight metal alloy foams. Fluid shock-absorbing joint mechanisms complete the mimicry of human form, and to give the limbs a more “realistic” sense, they are typically coated with a nano-scale artificial epidermis that resembles flesh.

Inside the limbs, microcomputer units interface directly with biochips implanted in the organic parts of the augmentee’s body, translating nerve impulses from the brain directly into action and motion.

Far more advanced than the crude constructs of the past, these human augmentations allow us to become better, faster, stronger.

# Artificial Muscles

By

Chou Jian

From a seminar by Hugh Darrow, Spring 2009.

In the earliest iterations, artificial musculature technologies were crude patchwork of pistons, pneumatics and electric motors; but those systems have been surpassed by the creation of synthetic proxies that mimic the actual form and function of human tissue.

Known as EAP - that's electro-active polymers - these artificial muscles are capable of linear movement of a type and scale ideally suited for cybernetic prosthetic limbs. The muscles of our bodies alter shape and form when electrochemical nerve signals flow through them, and EAPs operate the same way: when an electric charge passes across that polymer's structure, it changes shape.

The technologies we are developing at Darrow Industries focus on creating what we call a 'fully plastic actuator' mechanism. In basic terms, we have a three-part structure - a sandwich of gel layers made up of a matrix of dispersed single-walled carbon nanotubes, situated on either side of an ionic fluid pyroelectrolyte core. Known as a 'bucky gel' structure, in references to the carbon Fullerene nanotubes, the design's similar arrangement of soft electrodes and electrolyte layers is capable of operating at very low voltages.



# **Autopsy Report: Megan Reed (DMPD Case: TA-00514)**

By

Dr. Dana Hall

CASE #: TA-00514  
AUTOPSY #: 89D-124  
ID #: 1685972  
NAME: REED, Megan  
AGE: 32  
SEX: F  
BLOOD TYPE: O+  
PATH MD: Lorne

## **PRELIMINARY NOTE:**

I have been appointed by the state to perform autopsies on the remains of multiple victims of the attack on Sarif Industries. This is due to the critical nature of the incident and the need for the state department to be fully aware of every detail without going through an endless array of bureaucratic forms and requests. This is in no way linked to the competence of local M.E., Dr. Gerald Campbell, and shouldn't be interpreted as such.

## **FINAL DIAGNOSIS:**

CLINICOPATHOLOGIC CORRELATION: Cause of death is quick and intense snapping of the neck vertebrae combined with crushing pressure. Body was likely burned after the subject was deceased.

Dr. Dana Hall, M.E.

# Bartender's Survival Guide

By

Unknown

Panama has always been a melting pot of ethnicities, and every drink menu should reflect its diverse population. While beer is still our most popular drink (it's so hot that just about anything cold tastes good), we have to be aware to keep up on the latest trends, taking into account our diverse ethnic population and our thriving tourism.

Seco, our sugar cane-distilled alcohol drink, is one of our most popular, but it's not trendy or "cosmopolitan." Remember that the bar clientèle is not necessarily "high class" and keeping seco on hand will keep many of our patrons happy. It's good over ice and with a splash of lime.

For everyone else, there's scotch, rum and bourbon. Brush up on a variety of drink recipes, And don't forget about the ladies! Many of our out-of-towers also like wine, and most bars will keep a broad selection on hand.

And remember: when in Panama, red wine is served cold!

# Better Than Nature?

By

Hugh Darrow

Excerpted from a talk given by Hugh Darrow at the 2022 Human Plus Conference in Kyoto.

I've been accused of arrogance by many people; my father, my tutors, my contemporaries and my rivals... and to all of them I say yes, indeed, if it is arrogance to have a design that surpasses the one that currently exists, then I am arrogant.

Arrogance, daring to go beyond the limits imposed upon us, that is exactly what makes us human beings. The truth is, nature is a haphazard and flawed designer. That is not to say there is not grace and beauty in the natural world; but the hand of man can take that base design and turn intellect to it, make more of it.

All of us are aware of the voices raised against human augmentation; those people have their right to speak, as we have the right - the arrogance, even - to ignore them.

We can be better than nature. We can improve on ourselves, and in every new iteration, be more than we were. What we are is only a stepping stone to what we can become.

# Blood on the Snow

By

Unknown

## The Roosville Incident

The Canadian parliament's enactment of the radical Paulsen Program in 2017 created what some observers described as the largest shift in military capacity seen on the North American continent since the last century. Over the next five years, a gradual strengthening of Canada's borders and its overt military capacity, in the face of economic pressure from its southern neighbor, led to the virtual fortification of the country.

However, the tide of migrants from the United States displaced by economic collapse continued to grow, and these illegal immigrants - nicknamed "snowbacks" - became a major issue for cities along the border.

It was this charged political environment that would lead to a bloody skirmish when, in the winter of 2020, officers of the RCMP used lethal force to deter a horde of American economic refugees from crossing the Montana/British Colombia border near the town of Roosville.

# Blurring The Boundaries between Man and Machine

By

Hugh Darrow

Excerpted from a talk given by Hugh Darrow at the 2001 International Gathering of Neuroscientific Researchers.

For a mechanical bioprosthesis to work, a patient must be implanted with a device that powers its electronics. The problem is, generating power requires chemicals which are toxic to the body. So unless we find a way to harness electricity that is already present in the central nervous system, we are bound to fail.

There is a second problem, as well. Preliminary research into power-harnessing biochips suggests that our immune systems will perceive these devices as foreign invaders, and immediately send proteins to encapsulate them. Over time, scar tissue will build up between the PHB and surrounding tissue, resulting in neuroprosthesis failure. So how do we avoid this?

Darrow Industries is working on a plan to “grow” networks of Poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene) poly(styrenesulfonate) electrodes—PEDOT, if you will—that intertwine with neural cells. The goal is to create a biocompatible matrix which attracts neural progenitor cells to grow in the proper direction, blurring the boundary between what is nervous system and what is external device.

A neural environment where implanted biochip and live neural cells coexist—even migrate and evolve over time—will not only be safer and more effective for the end user; it will be the ultimate melding of man and

machine.

# Born Human - Be Human

By

Unknown

What is The Humanity Front?

We are a group of like-minded individuals united in the belief that human life is a sacred, unique creation.

We believe that our humanity is what makes us who we are - and to dilute that with steel and silicon is to dilute the very essence of our human selves.

We are the Humanity Front; a global, non-profit organization that opposes the use of human enhancement technologies.

We believe in non-violent, grass roots activism, in strong and forthright exchanges of ideas, in dedicated opposition to pro-augmentation thinking, in the promotion of an viewpoint that eschews the transhumanist agenda.

Attempting to improve the human condition through biological modification only diverts attention and resources from social solutions that could do the same without changing the fundamental nature of people.

We believe in something else - something better - and we would like you to join us.

# Brain Implants

By

Hugh Darrow

Comments by Hugh Darrow on a panel at the 2009 International Gathering of Neuroscientific Researchers

I'm firmly convinced that neurostimulation technology can evolve to a level where it will not only aid those with neural dysfunction, but actually enhance the cognition of normal people.

This mechanism, a network of platinum iridium electrodes connected to a subcutaneously implanted pulse generator in either a titanium or g-loop coated capsule, has previously been used to suppress the effects of Parkinson's disease, dystonia and other neurological conditions. For example, in the case of non-Parkinsonian essential tremor, the electrodes are embedded in the ventrointermedial nucleus, or the thalamus, while the applications for dystonia and symptoms associated with Parkinson's disease - such as rigidity, bradykinesia or akinesia, tremor and the like - the electrode bouquet is typically inserted into the globus pallidus or the subthalamic nucleus, dependent on patient state.

We're already designing the next generation of these devices, with wireless dosing protocols and remote application. It's only a matter of allowing ourselves to take the next step and implant a 'healthy' person, to go beyond the merely therapeutic application and into the modificatory.



# Building Wings: A Better Tomorrow

By

David Sarif

Where we risk allowing our technology to divide us is in the very question of regulation; some would argue that augmentation, which by its nature is a mechanism whereby humans can transcend their limitations, cannot be allowed to be freely available.

While on the surface, such calls for “regulation” might be seen as a reasonable response, in the long term such stigmatization will work against our society. We already live in a culture of haves and have-nots, those rich or poor in terms of money, those impoverished or affluent in terms of data and knowledge.

To willfully blockade the spread of human augmentation technologies will add another category - those who are human and those who are transhuman; and as we speak here of futures where transhumanism must be the normative, how can we willingly allow some of us to be left behind?

Consider, if you will, a future where technology is unbound. In this environment, human beings are capable of reaching beyond the limits that nature imposes upon them, not just through the use of external technological apparatuses, but also through the merging of the human organism with cybernetic devices.

We can, quite literally, build a better person. Life can become something that is not just a voyage where you are the passenger, at the whim of your DNA and the vagaries of an imperfect, random biology. Life can be what we wish

it to be, and our minds and bodies the canvas on which we can draw our own future.

We can build wings if we wish to, and leave the cradle behind. The only limitations to where our flight will take us are our will and our intellect.

What is transhumanism? A grandiose term, perhaps, but an accurate one. It is a search, a great destination that we, as a species, are approaching as our journey through evolution nears its next great leap. It is no less than the chance for human beings to reach out and take the helm of their own development.

For the first time in history, we live in an era where the factors that define the borders of the human condition - death, longevity, disability, and all the other many tyrannies of our own biology - can be surpassed. The advancing science of human augmentation technologies allows us to look to an enhanced future; a better tomorrow where the limitations of flesh and bone can be transcended.

If I write these words and sound like an evangelist, then perhaps I am; I look to my future enrapt.

# **Composite Study 07121969 — FINAL TEST RESULTS**

By

Unknown

## **INITIAL VARIABLES/TEST CONDITIONS**

BIO-MATRIX COMPOSITE 1 was created using the R7 biochip design (which in turn uses the PEDOT-cluster array originally developed by Darrow Industries.)

BIO-MATRIX COMPOSITE 2 was created using the X1 biochip design (which uses the PEDOT-cluster array developed by M. Reed et al, and incorporates the mutagenic chemical composition first revealed in her Patient X study.)

Tissue samples taken from both composites were tested every seven (7) days for rejection markers routinely associated with the onset of DDS (Darrow Deficiency Syndrome).

## **OBSERVATIONS**

Within three (3) weeks of testing, COMPOSITE 1 exhibited low levels of cytotoxic-M and DDS-Y enzymes commonly associated with the onset of Rejection Syndrome. The quantity of these enzymes increased as expected, with 20cc of Neuropozyne being administered in WEEK5 to break down glial tissue buildup around the biochip cluster.

COMPOSITE 2, on the other hand, showed no sign of either enzyme appearing until WEEK 6. At this point, trace levels of c-M were detected, but DISAPPEARED in subsequent weeks. This leads me to hypothesize that the

enzymes were actually a byproduct of the formation of newly extruded neural tissue, compatible with the original matrix, forming around the PEDOT-cluster.\*

\* Additional tests must be conducted to confirm this. Luckily, David informs me that new tissue from Patient X has become available in recent months.

# Coping with DDS

By

Unknown

Darrow Deficiency Syndrome (DDS) is the disruption of the neuroprosthetic junction in cybernetic augmentations, causing the patient's body to reject the aug. Patients may find that they cease to have control over their augmented bodies, resulting in painful seizures, uncontrolled use of the augmentation abilities or even full loss of augmentation.

The only legally available treatment for DDS is Neuropozyne, a compound that treats the effects of DDS by preventing the build up of scar tissue around the junction. It's available only by prescription and weekly doses are required to properly treat DDS. Riezene (manufactured by Zaaphire Tech) is a new alternative drug that is currently hoping to expand the consumer choice for DDS treatment.

There are a few practical steps one can pursue when Neuropozyne or Riezene are unavailable. Ice packs can be used on sore augs, and a variety of magnesium-based supplements can help relax the blood vessels in the brain, alleviating the throbbing pain of migraines that patients may experience during withdrawal. Pain may be felt in the forehead, temple, ear, jaw or around the eye; some individuals may become overly sensitive to light, sounds or smells.

Remember that there is no cure. If you are experiencing DDS, you must see a doctor or visit your nearest LIMB clinic.

# Dazzle Me Magazine

By

Unknown

Updated Every Report Cycle With the Newest in Celebrity News & Gossip!

Current Top-Rated Articles:

EXCLUSIVE! We talk with Eliza Cassan about life on the news line and the private life she keeps behind closed doors!

Ny'ashia Akim spotted on the town with a new man - see our spycam pix here!

MeLove's soulful singer Brock Nyman speaks frankly about his destructive relationship with his mother and his struggle with addiction.

MDM unveils their fall collection in a teaser photo spread.

Paris's weather artists and the new wave.

Fashion Plate or Fashion Hate? We let you decide the best and the worst in our interactive section!

A tribute to Emile: Life in the Spotlight.

Jocasta Beltayne, author of the mega-selling romance Hearts of Steel, talks exclusively about the new feature film adaptation starring Lee Ashe and Ruby DeSilvo.

This year's Academy Award predictions - who will go home a loser?

# DEAR DIARY

By

Unknown

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Some kids banged on my door and taunted me today. They yelled “Hikikomori” and “shut-in” and banged and scratched and kicked to get my attention. I think they belong to a woman down the hall. I am repulsed by their guttural accents.

\* \* \* \* \*

Today was a good day. I sat in my usual place but this time I was content to look out the window. The people look so sad and lost. I pity them when I am not angry.

\* \* \* \* \*

Someone rang my phone at 4:18 PM today. It came as a shock because no one is supposed to bother me. I spent most of my day trying to figure out if it was a mistake or on purpose. I do not like days like today. They make me nervous and confused.

\* \* \* \* \*

Today I am cold and cannot warm up. Very cold. I made a bowl of miso soup but it did nothing. Sometimes I wonder if my blood is thinner than other people.

\* \* \* \* \*

My neighbor was making a lot of noise last night. He plays his satanistic music at an infernal volume. I think he does it to drown out the sounds of him beating his girlfriend. If I didn't have to stay here I would teach him some manners. I think he is from Central Asia. There is a part of me that really likes his music.



# Delgado and the Stimoceiver

By

Hugh Darrow

Excerpt from a lecture give by Hugh Darrow at the Bonn-Rhine-Sieg University in March, 2016.

I'd like to tell you another research story I find absolutely fascinating. This one involves Dr. José Manuel Rodriguez Delgado, a Spanish professor of physiology at Yale University.

Delgado's research interests centered on using electrical signals to evoke specific responses in the brain. His earliest work was with cats, but later he performed experiments with monkeys and humans. Much of the experiments centered around an invention he called a "stimoceiver" — a radio which joined a stimulator of brain waves to a receiver that monitored E.E.G. waves before sending them back on separate radio channels. This allowed the subject of the experiment full freedom of movement, while also allowing the experimenter to control the experiment.

Delgado used his stimoceiver to stimulate emotions and attempt to control behavior. In one test involving 4 patients, he stimulated points in the amygdala and hippocampus to produce a variety of effects, including "pleasant sensations, elation, deep, thoughtful concentration, odd feelings, super relaxation, colored visions, and other responses."

Delgado later stated that "brain transmitters can remain in a person's head for life. The energy to activate the brain transmitter is transmitted by way of radio frequencies."

# Dermal Modification Processes

By

Unknown

Darrow Industries development study, 2019.

The approach that Tai Yong Medical, Isolay and all the others are using is crude and unsophisticated; what we're discussing here is a method by which the skin of a human being can be altered to resemble organic body armor - that's not to say like the hide of a rhinoceros, despite whatever the advertising campaigns might say.

The process is simple in logistical terms, although to the implantee it's lengthy and I would warrant quite painful; but in the end, no more demanding than the work of a cosmetic surgeon upon a vain patient craving good looks. A mesh of thin layered material is implanted directly below the epidermis; the 'armor' per se is covered in a g-loop coating that bonds directly to tissue without rejection, and once the skin is allowed to heal, it becomes a seamless part of the body. Under point of impact, the implantee's skin will still break and suffer bleeding/lesions, but the new armor layer beneath - a sandwich of carbon nanotubes floating in a shear-thickening gel - will absorb most of the impact. Preventing, as it were, all but the most terminal penetration trauma.

# Down to Cases

By

Hugh Darrow

Hugh Darrow's "Final Interview"

HUGH DARROW: The fact is, Eliza, the last few years have taught me some very valuable lessons.

ELIZA CASSAN: I understand you've had some controversial things to say about augmentation technology.

HD: I've ruffled some feathers, to be sure. But I have that right.

EC: That technology wouldn't exist without you-

HD: Look, the fact is... [PAUSE] What's that bloody Einstein quote about the A-Bomb?

EC: "If only I had known, I should have become a watchmaker."

HD: Yes, that's the one. I know what he meant. These days I'm thinking we went too far. I'm wondering about putting the genie back in the bottle.

EC: Is that possible?

HD: Everything is possible. Having the ability to transcend our times is one thing, but racing uncontrolled toward some blind singularity... We're in danger of becoming two species. Those empowered... And those left behind.

# Dragon Heads: The Triads of the 21st Century

By

Unknown

The original eightfold rank structure among the Triads became more streamlined in the modern era, with such traditions as the 36 Great Oaths of fealty falling out of favor, to be replaced with less ornate, more immediate pledges to loyalty.

The contemporary four-tier system reflects the flexibility of the Triad criminal enterprise, with a mixture of numeral designators and/or traditional honorifics assigned to given roles.

At the very lowest level are the probationary members, often drawn from youth gangs. These so-called Blue Lanterns become a rank-and-file ‘49’ after an initiation ceremony.

Above them are key administrators and enforcers; the White Paper Fan (‘415’), the Red Pole (‘426’), and Straw Sandal (‘432’).

At command level comes the Vanguard, Deputy Mountain Master and Incense Master (each a ‘438’); and finally the Mountain Master, also known as the Dragon Head (‘489’).

By far the incident that left the biggest imprint on the Triads of the 2010’s was the “Mark Gor Lau War” of 2018, a conflict between established groups like the Wo Shing Wo, Sun Yee On, and 14K and several smaller pretenders to the throne.

To this day, details remain sketchy, but it appears that the untimely passing of

a 'Mountain Master' of the Four Dragons ignited a storm of accusation among many key Triads; what began as dissent spilled onto the streets as gangs engaged in violent conflict.

The 'war' escalated to such levels that military police were called in to curb the threat; and by the time the smoke cleared, a new hierarchy had ascended to take the place of the old, led by newly empowered groups like the Red Arrow Brotherhood, LMF, and the Luminous Path.

# Electrogravitic Technology Applications

By

Hugh Darrow

From a technology demonstration lecture presented to the United States Air Force in August 2015 by Dr. Hugh Darrow of Darrow Industries.

Based on an immature design of Russian origin, we've been looking at this technology as an applicable functionality for enhanced human subsystems in the military arena. While it isn't a substitute for an actual 'physical' descent system, such as a fast-rope or parafoil, the electrogravity generator is now at a level of intricacy whereby we can implant it in a human being.

The core unit - the generator module and power train - is fusion-bonded to bone at the base of the implantee's spine, and a distributed mix of dermal sensors and monitoring fibers in the inner ear work with a built-in accelerometer to activate it in a pulse-phase mode if the implantee's body enters a state of uncontrolled fall for more than a couple of seconds. With practice, skilled operators have been able to drop from heights ranging from beyond thirty feet to upwards of one hundred feet with zero fall trauma; you can understand why we nicknamed this the "bungee" cord in R&D.

# **FIRE DESTROYS WHITE HELIX LABS**

By

Unknown

TWISTED CEDER, MICHIGAN (PNN) - At 04:36AM on July 18 Firefighters were called to White Helix Labs to fight an early morning blaze. By the time they arrived, the main building was already engulfed in flames.

General Manager Michael Berris could not be reached for comment, but a pre-recorded message had been left on White Helix Lab's toll-free line, stating that nobody is believed to have been hurt in the fire. That message was later removed when firefighters began pulling bodies from the wreckage.

"The recovery operations are currently ongoing," Fire Chief Minnie Hawkins told reporters, but also stated that the circumstances behind the blaze are "very suspicious."

White Helix Labs, a subdivisionary of Versalife, is a bioresearch firm, studying childhood genetic deceases.

# Glass-Shield Cloaking System

By

Unknown

The Glass-Shield Cloaking System is composed of a grid of fine induction wires connected to a deep-tissue control implant (typically located in the back or ribcage) which, in turn, is linked to the brain. The matrix can be layered directly beneath the surface of the epidermis or over the plating of cybernetic limbs; when activated, it generates a tuned, fixed-focus electromagnetic field that temporarily adjusts the frequency of EM radiation around the user. The net effect is a 'cloak of invisibility' which appears near-perfect.



# Global Politics Review (2026 Edition)

By

Unknown

After the 2015 oil crash, the United States found itself an embattled nation from within and without. Struggling against the rising economic power of China, internal pressures have grown - dissent against Draconian Federal regulations, widening rich-poor divisions, extremism and widespread discontent are weakening a nation that was once a great superpower.

Radical choices by the government (suspension of posse comitatus, increased powers for FEMA and the NSA, the opening of oil reserves) have served to bring order, but it may be too late to regain stability. Many states - Texas, Utah, California - are considering secession, while cities like Seattle, Dallas and Chicago have become fortress-states in an attempt to maintain normalcy in a dangerous environment.

America struggles to hold itself together against the building pressure of balkanization, but it is a fragmenting nation on a downward spiral.

India has attempted to replicate some of the achievements of the People's Republic of China with limited success; the outsourcing boom of the early 2000's created a surge in the country's knowledge base, but the fast-forward nature of the new technology-based businesses caused divisions in the populace, creating a new form of stratification in this caste-bound society - between the technologically proficient and those who rejected the advance of these new sciences. However, this bounty of innovation was short-lived.

Now as the 2020's move toward their conclusion, the "boomtown" years are

apparently over, and much of the Indian subcontinent teeters on the brink of backsliding toward an economic meltdown, mirroring the effects on the Japanese bubble economy of the late 20th century; and the situation has been made far worse by the increase in new viral strains plaguing the common populace.

With America's attentions increasingly focused on internal problems, it's withdrawal from NATO and the subsequent dissolution of that military-political entity had left Europe without its primary overseas ally and the vacuum that the European Union has struggled to fill.

The creation of a replacement for NATO, the European Common Defense Alliance (ECDA), while far-reaching, remains mired in bureaucratic red tape. Ranged against the increasingly aggressive Russian Federation, the European Union is split between the hawks and the doves who wish to either defang or appease the reawakening Bear.

While trying hard to maintain an outward sense of accord, lines of dissent and old rivalries slimmer just below the surface across mainland Europe, threatening to make themselves apparent. Tensions over economic factors and the tissue-thin border controls between nations are stressing the bonds between the EU nations toward breaking point.

This Troubled region has undergone great upheavals in the last decade-and-a-half, with the formation of the United Arab Front and the progression toward a single Islamic super-state. The invasion of Israel in the early 2020's marked the final stage in the UAF's plans to impose control over the region. Despite the 2015 oil crash, the UAF's solidarity enabled member states to recover from the subsequent loss of economic power.

The Six Month War had lasting effects, and years later dispossessed Israeli nationals continue to strike in ongoing guerilla - or as the UAF call them, terrorist - attacks. Without Saudi oil to strengthen them, the UAF are not the player on the world stage they purport to be, but with the growing number of Islamic states in South East Asia, their reach may be greater than expected.

China casts a long shadow; since the 2000s, the Chinese Bloc has seen a

steady climb toward superpower status, supplanting the USA as the world's economic engine and most sophisticated military force.

Marked growth in many areas of industry have made the People's Republic a major player in many fields, notably in the emerging technology of human augmentation. Without the regulations imposed on human trials by other nations, the PRC have been fast-tracking their augmentation research; many fear that China's actions may grant them a monopoly and thus strengthen their position still further.

However, despite technological advances, China's attitudes toward human rights and the environment have not progressed, and rumors of atrocities against both people and the planet are rife; but confirmation of these statements is difficult to obtain, given the PRC's iron grip on their nation's media.

# Grey Skies

By

Unknown

## The Aging of the World

The changing face of the people of the world beyond 2025 stems in systemic improvements in human mortality rates and medical technologies - simply put, as a species we live longer, and the impact of a shrinking youth bulge across many nations combined with the “grey surge” of senior citizens asks many questions about how global culture will evolve in the next twenty-five years.

China’s working-age populace has been in decline since 2015, and while increased automation has bridged the gap, the greater number of retirees has been accelerated by a combination of a cultural tradition of early retirement and decades of government-mandated limited childbirth policies, instigated in order to limit stress on natural resources; while in neighboring Japan, for every two working-age citizens there is one senior, putting considerable pressure on geriatric support structures. Globally, the ratio is closer to one to three.

# Healing Thyself - Health Preservation Implants

By

Hugh Darrow

Excerpt from an article by Hugh Darrow in The American Cybernetics Gazette, Summer 2014 Edition.

Your car leaves the road on an icy night; you're alone, too injured to call a paramedic. What will keep you alive until help can arrive? For all the augmentation systems at our disposal, there is little dedicated to the well being of a person - little in the way of emergency management for our health.

What is needed is a next generation design for an implant web - not a single device, but a networked combination operating from a durable monitor module implanted in a highly survivable body zone as the master. Multiple distributed wireless probes in all major organs giving constantly updated bio-data, linked to secondary units located at key nerve or bloodstream vectors - in the heart, perhaps, the adrenal and lymphatic nodes - and a level of autonomous response that could keep a person alive even without the intervention of the implantee.

This is not just a concept for military or extreme conditions usage - we can also expand it to a limited healing regimen for any man, perhaps via distributed protein therapy or other methods.

# Hearts of Steel

By

Unknown

## Iron & Shadows

Across the plaza, Meredith saw him stumble and fall against a low wall. She cast a quick glance back to where the demonstrators continued to build toward an outbreak of fury - and then, on an impulse she couldn't explain, she went to him, offering a hand.

He looked up from under his hood, and the eyes that glittered there - hard and grey, like fragments of sea ice - made her gasp.

He stood, ignoring her outstretched hand; but there was something there in the depths at odds with his scowl.

"Are you-"

"Fine," he murmured. Those eyes narrowed. "You're hurt..."

"Just a scratch," she began, but his hand was already coming up to her cheek.

Meredith started as silver fingers touched her skin. To her surprise, they were warm.

"Yeah," he said, turning away. "I'm one of them. A 'cog'"

"I..."

But he was already leaving.

## **In the dawn**

The morning light through the windows was rich like the colors of autumn. Meredith lay in it, a snarl of sheets around her body, Jace's arm - the steel one - across her bare thigh like a discarded weapon.

She traced up the cyberlimb and across the place where metal met flesh, the seam of the join rough and tarned.

Jace stirred and awoke. His craggy face softened, "What's wrong?"

Meredith felt a peculiar mix of sadness and elation, a tightness in her chest as if she were on the verge of tears, "I...was afraid you might hurt me."

He was shocked. "Meri, no. I would never-"

She wanted to look away, but she couldn't. "I don't know what I'm feeling."

He took her by the hand, out of the bed, up and across to the window.

"I do," he said, bringing her lips to his.

## **Crossing the line**

"Just get out!" he raged. "You've had your fun. Now get out of here, go back to your brothers and their Purity Front friends!"

"Jace, no..." She reached out, but her pulled away. "You don't understand!"

"Don't insult me!" he snapped, gesturing angrily with his augmented arm. "This was all some game to you, wasn't it? Playing at being the rebel, sleeping with a wirehead cog-boy just to piss off your family!" Jace pointed a steel finger at her, his Caidin-Zeiss eyes glittering. "To hell with you! I'm sick of your lies-"

Meredith reacted without thinking, her hand slapping him across the cheek,

“Shut up,” she said, in a brittle voice. “Don’t push me away. Don’t pretend this doesn’t mean anything!”

When he looked at her, the hurt in his eyes cut like blades, “This...You can’t be here...”

“I have to,” she breathed.



# Hei Zhen Zhu Stasis Pods

By

Unknown

**IC0-F/JaneDoe2027**

Designation: 019/021-840DET

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC0

Age: 30+

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Pick-up: NA-USA

Destination: RBS - Silo B

Associations: see additional

Additional:

- \* no ID

- \* Undetermined ethnic background - mixed

- \* no visible augmentations

NOTE: Detroit PD search ongoing, low risk

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

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Status: Stable

**IC1-F/3JaneDoe0441**

Designation: 009/053-036

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC1

Age: 30-40

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Pick-up: Oce-AUS

Destination: RBS - Silo C > OR

Associations: unknown - see below

Additional:

- \* no ID

- 'dog-tags' illegible

- \* Visibly augmented

- communications package

- possible cerebral enhancements

- \* secured during NT operation

- \* possible FSA combatant - low risk

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

Pre-existing cranial enhancements may preclude inclusion into program

- transfer to Omega

- remit to harvesters

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Status: Stable

**IC1-F/GirardDenise-93**

Designation: 009/053-036

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC1

Age: 34

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Pick-up: Oce-AUS

Destination: RBS - B

Associations: unknown

Additional:

- \* ID confirmed
- \* no visible augmentation work
- \* secured through BT recruitment drive - Bris.
- med exam complete
- unsuitable for combat

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Procedures:

Preliminary exam confirmed

- all markers positive

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

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Status: Stable

**IC1-F/JaneDoe08853**

Designation: 150/151-498

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC1

Age: unknown

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Pick-up: EU-Mol

Destination: RBS - Silo A

Associations: low/high - prostitute (?) see below

Additional:

- \* no ID
- \* no visible augmentation work

NOTE: possible undercover agent, local law enforcement

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Procedures:  
Full work-up req'd upon arrival

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Status: Stable

### **IC1-F/JaneDoe1964-7**

Designation: 009/061-258x

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Sex: F  
Ethnicity: IC1  
Age: unknown

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Pick-up: Oce-Pol  
Destination: RBS - Silo C  
Associations: unknown  
Additional:

- \* no ID
  - \* no visible augmentations
  - \* NOTE: subject secured on deserted island[see Trivia]
- Approx. location 10 0 0 110 0 0  
Signs suggest possible descendant of shipwreck survivors  
Technilogical anachronisms also found  
- rudimentary communications device made from seed of indigeneous tree  
- various implements fashioned from bamboo

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Procedures:  
Full work-up req'd upon arrival

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Status: Stable

**IC1-F/JaneDoe2052**

Designation: 009/053-554

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC1

Age: >40

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Pick-up: Oce-NZ

Destination: RBS - Silo J

Associations: High - family

Additional:

\* no ID

\* no visible augmentation work

NOTE: secured wearing wedding ring, indicates family, possible risk of search

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

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Status: Stable

**IC1-M/KellsAntony-hc69**

Designation: 009/053-036

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Sex: M

Ethnicity: IC1

Age: 30-40

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Pick-up: Oce-Aus

Destination: RBS - Silo C

Associations: FSA

Additional:

- \* ID confirmed
- Antony Kells, aka Tony “the Lyon”
- b. 1992, Cairns, Qnsld
- member of Aus. parliament 2020-2026
- highly placed FSA official

\* no visible augmentations

NOTE: suspected to have various social augmentations, possibly systemic boosters

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Procedures:

TDB

CMDR Burke may want to interrogate this guy personally

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Status: Stable

**IC1-M/RainerRik-dk000**

Designation: 009/053-036

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Sex: M

Ethnicity: IC1

Age: 28

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Pick-up: Oce-Aus

Destination: RBS - Silo B

Associations: FSA

Additional:

- \* ID confirmed
- Rik Rainer, b. 1999 Darwin, NT
- known FSA member, high echelon
- responsible for 2026 Brisbane bombing
- \* no visible augmentation work

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Procedures:  
TBD

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Status: Stable

### **IC2-F/JaneDoe2027**

Designation: 150/154-826

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Sex: F  
Ethnicity: IC2  
Age: < 20

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Pick-up: EU-UK  
Destination: RBS - Silo B  
Associations: Low - indigent? see below  
Additional:  
\* no ID  
\* no visible augmentations - see below

NOTE: secured Soho, amputee poss. previous augmentation (voluntary?)

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Procedures:  
Full work-up req'd upon arrival

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Status: Stable

### **IC2-F/JaneDoe9X003**

Designation: 019/005-604

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Sex: F  
Ethnicity: IC2  
Age: < 30

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Pick-up: SA-Per  
Destination: RBS - Silo F  
Associations: Low - indigent  
Additional:  
\* no ID  
- unconfirmed name - R. Meixueiro  
\* no visible augmentations

\* NOTE: Possible previous augmentation work removed, missing limb (leg)  
w/ suspicious scarring

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Procedures:  
Full work-up req'd upon arrival  
Pay particular attention to glial markers due to possible removed  
augmentations - may skew results

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Status: Stable

### **IC3-F/BranchLexala-04**

Designation: 002/014-894

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Sex: F  
Ethnicity: IC3 - B2  
Age: 23

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Pick-up: Afr-Zam  
Destination: RBS - Silo D  
Associations: Family - Med/high risk



Additional:

- \* ID recovered
- Lexala Branch, b. 2005
- Age and med status confirmed
- Pics of family found in possession
- \* no visible augmentations

\* NOTE: secured through “Asian nanny” initiative  
numbers indicate good flow-through in developing countries

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival  
Med. record submitted  
Preliminary work-up to confirmed

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Status: Stable

**IC3-F/JaneDoe0606-det**

Designation: 019/021-840

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC3

Age: < 20

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Pick-up: NA-USA

Destination: RBS - Silo F

Associations: low/Mid - DRB?

Additional:

- \* no ID
- \* no visible augmentation work
- \* Heavily tattoo-ed
- possible gang affiliation
- \* Armed - confiscated

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Procedures:

Partial work-up completed on Aux. processing

- will be forwarded \_\_\_\_\_

Status: Stable

### **IC3-F/JaneDoe0667**

Designation: 150/154-372

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC3

Age: 30

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Pick-up: EU-R

Destination: RBS - Silo B

Associations: high - married

Additional:

- \* ID unconfirmed

- \* no visible augmentation work

- \* NOTE: Marriage suspected - wedding ring

- may trigger search

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

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Status: Stable

### **IC3-F/JaneDoe9000**

Designation: 142/030-244

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Sex: F  
Ethnicity: IC3  
Age: unknown

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Pick-up: Asia-HK  
Destination: RBS - tbd  
Associations: low - prostitute see below  
Additional:  
\* no ID  
\* no visible augmentation work

\* NOTE: suspicious criminal connections (Red Arrow)  
- complications not expected - payment

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Procedures:  
Full work-up req'd upon arrival

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Status: Stable

### **IC3-M/JohnDoe-d00d**

Designation: 002/014-706

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Sex: M  
Ethnicity: IC3  
Age: unknown

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Pick-up: Afr-Som  
Destination: RBS - Silo B  
Associations: low - criminal  
Additional:  
\* no ID confirmed  
\* Visibly augmented  
- black market

\* NOTE: secured on high seas... attempt to board BT vessel bound Hengsha,  
automated security apprehended

- look into permanent implementation decoy operations

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Procedures:

Suggest harvesting

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Status: Stable

### **IC4-F/JaneDoe0099**

Designation: 142/034-356

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC4

Age: unknown

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Pick-up: Asia-IN

Destination: RBS - tbd

Associations: unknown - Dalit?

Additional:

\* no ID

\* no visible augmentations

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

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Status: Stable

### **IC5-F/JaneDoe0126**

Designation: 019/021-124

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC5

Age: 30-40

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Pick-up: NA-Can

Destination: RBS - Silo E

Associations: unknown

Additional:

- \* no confirmed ID

- \* Suspected cranial (social) augmentations

- may interfere with processing, EMP field gen. req'd

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

Caution: social augs may complicate initial interview

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Status: Stable

### **IC5-F/JaneDoe065-MM**

Designation: 142/030-392

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC5

Age: unknown

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Pick-up: Asia\_JPN

Destination: RBS - Silo B

Associations: unknown

Additional:

- \* False ID suspected
- RzzrGrrl aka Kolodie, Rose[see Trivia]
- \* Visibly augmented
- external mirror ocular implant (function unknown)
- distal phalangeal implants (titanium?)
- Others suspected

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Procedures:  
Full work-up req'd upon arrival

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Status: Stable

## **IC5-F/JaneDoe0911**

Designation: 142/030-156

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Sex: F  
Ethnicity: IC5  
Age: > 40

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Pick-up: Asia-CH  
Destination: RBS - tbd  
Associations: unconfirmed  
Additional:  
\* no ID  
\* no visible augmentation work

\* NOTE: Hengsha (Lower) sweep, harvest add-on  
— Kahn

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Procedures:  
Full work-up req'd upon arrival

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Status: Stable

**IC5-F/JaneDoe2019**

Designation: 142/030-156

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC5

Age: 40-50?

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Pick-up: Asia-CH

Destination: RBS - Silo B

Associations: unknown

Additional:

- \* no ID confirmed

- Secured during Alice Garden raid, Lower Hengsha

- \* no visible augmentations

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

mind sedative administered prior to stasis

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Status: Stable

**IC5-F/JaneDoe80085**

Designation: 142/030-392

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC5

Age: unknown

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Pick-up: Asia-JPN  
Destination: RBS - Silo C transfer O-R  
Associations: Low - prostitute  
Additional:  
\* no ID  
\* Previously augmented  
- physical enhancement (cosmetic)  
- “work”-related augmentations

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Procedures:  
Preliminary exam conducted in the field  
Confirm continuance to Omega

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Status: Stable

### **IC5-F/MinameMaho-MCS170200**

Designation: 142/030-392

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Sex: F  
Ethnicity: IC5  
Age: < 20

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Pick-up: Asia-JPN  
Destination: RBS - Silo F  
Associations: High  
Additional:  
\* ID confirmed  
- Maho Miname, b. ?[see Trivia]  
- actress/singer (local)  
\* possible augmentations  
- vocal, auditory?

NOTE: secured through ‘talent-show’ initiative



- SYTYCS promises to be mother-lode for recruiting subjects (ie/talentless hacks)

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

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Status: Stable

### **IC5-F/ThuylaiBok-45d**

Designation: 142/035-764

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC5

Age: 25

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Pick-up: Asia-Tha

Destination: RBS - Silo E

Associations: none suspected - possible

Additional:

\* ID confirmed

- Thuylai Bok

- single

- office worker

\* no visible augmentation work

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

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Status: Stable

**IC5-M/JohnDoe1493**

Designation: 142/030-156

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Dex: M

Ethnicity: IC5

Age: unknown

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Pick-up: Asia-CH

Destination: RBS - Silo A

Associations: low

Additional:

- \* ID unconfirmed

- remanded by TSHung

- \* Evidence of previous augmentations

- cauterized stumps

- suspect harvest

\* NOTE: possible plot against BT forces in area

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Procedures:

Administration of analgetic drugs confirmed

Interrogation

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Status: Stable

**IC6-F/AyotteBennu-16**

Designation: 002/015-818

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC6

Age: unknown

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Pick-up: Afr-EGP

Destination: RBS - Silo A

Associations: High - Family

Additional:

- \* Paid contract

- fee confirmed

- \* ID confirmed

- Bennu Ayotte

- \* no visible augmentation work

- \* secured 'abduction'

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

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Status: Stable

### **IC6-F/JaneDoe1774**

Designation: 150/155-250

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC6

Age: > 30

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Pick-up: EU-FRA

Destination: RBS - tbd

Associations: low - indigent (?)

Additional:

- \* no ID confirmed

- \* no visible augmentation work

- \* NOTE: significant amount of money found on person

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

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Status: Stable

Aft Cargo Hold

**IC0-F/JaneDoe-abo43**

Designation: 009/053-036

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC0 - see below

Age: < 20

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Pick-up: Oce-Aus

Destination: RBS - Silo B

Associations: low

Additional:

\* no ID

\* no visible augmentation work

\* NOTE: unclassified indigenous local

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

Pay special attention for Indigenous genetic markers, untapped

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Status: Stable

**IC1-F/JaneDoe7707**

Designation: 142/145-792

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Sex: F  
Ethnicity: IC1  
Age: unknown

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Pick-up: Asia-Tur  
Destination: RBS - Silo A  
Associations: unknown  
Additional:

- \* ID unconfirmed
- \* no visible augmentation work
- \* secured from "slave market"

\* NOTE: underground network may be exploited further

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Procedures:  
Full work-up req'd upon arrival

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Status: Stable

### **IC1-M/GageErik-020711**

Designation: 009/053-036

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Sex: M  
Ethnicity: IC1  
Age: > 40

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Pick-up: Oce-Aus  
Destination: RBS - tbd  
Associations: FSA?  
Additional:  
\* ID confirmed  
- Erik Gage, b. 1983?. parts unknown  
- possible FSA agent/combattant

- known BT detractor
  - \* HEAVILY augmented, combat/other
  - military-grade? Unknown faction
  - extreme caution
  - keep under constant EMP fields
- \* NOTE: Found mugged on street, secured

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Procedures:  
Full interview, processing (parts)

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Status: Stable

### **IC1-M/KantFrank-0001**

Designation: 142/030-392

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Sex: M  
Ethnicity: IC1  
Age: 32

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Pick-up: Asia-JPN  
Destination: RBS - Silo B  
Associations: unknown

Additional:

- \* ID confirmed
- Frank M. Kant, b. 1995
- former BT operative, rogue
- AWOL since 2024
- \* no visible augmentation work

\* NOTE: secured in TKY geisha-house by undercover agent - "You're a man, man."

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Procedures:  
TBD

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Status: Stable

**IC2-F/JaneDoe25711**

Designation: 150/039-300

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Sex: F  
Ethnicity: IC2  
Age: unknown

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Pick-up: EU-Gre  
Destination: RBS - tbd  
Associations: unknown  
Additional:

- \* no ID confirmed
- \* Signs of previous augmentation now removed

\* NOTE: secured at Humanity Front rally/protest  
BT provided security for LIMB clinic

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Procedures:  
Full work-up req'd upon arrival  
Sedated prior to stasis

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Status: Stable

**IC3-F/TabonNicole-dt3**

Designation: 002/018-710

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC3

Age: 31

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Pick-up: Afr-SA

Destination: RBS - Silo B

Associations: high - gov't

Additional:

- \* ID confirmed

- Nicole Tabon, b. 1995

- \* no visible augmentation work

\* NOTE: anti-BT activist S-A, pol. aspirations  
secured to eliminate threat in area  
risk deemed acceptable

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

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Status: Stable

### **IC3-M/JohnDoe2045-S**

Designation: 009/053-036

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Sex: M

Ethnicity: IC3

Age: unknown

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Pick-up: Oce-Aus

Destination: RBS - TBD

Associations: unknown - see below



Additional:

- \* unconfirmed ID

- Jack L. Woods, US expat

- suspected of anti-amer gov't activities West Coast (secessionist militia, Ore.?)

- \* no visible augmentation

- \* NOTE: presence AUS unexplained, possible FSA training

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Procedures:

Incarceration, interrogation

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Status: Stable

**IC4-F/JaneDoe04510**

Designation: 142/034-144

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC4

Age: < 20

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Pick-up: Asia-Sri

Destination: RBS - Silo B

Associations: unknown

Additional:

- \* no ID confirmed

- \* no visible augmentation work

- \* NOTE: surrendered to BT security for unknown offense, secured and taken into custody

Irrational behavior

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

Suspect illicit drug use, may skew results and processing

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Status: Stable

**IC5-F/JaneDoe10101**

Designation: 142/030-156

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC5

Age: unknown

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Pick-up: Asia-CH

Destination: RBS - Silo B

Associations: unknown - see below

Additional:

\* no ID

\* Visibly augmented

- left-arm (at elbow)

- left foot

- right eye/ear

\* NOTE: miss-matched serials indicate previous wearer/owner possible 'harvester', excersize caution

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

Probable 'back-alley' work done on subject implies extremely high doses of NPZ, may disqualify from project

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Status: Stable

**IC5-F/JaneDoe1287**

Designation: 142/030-392

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC5

Age: 20-30

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Pick-up: Asia-JPN

Destination: RBS - Silo F

Associations: low - club girl (?)

Additional:

\* no ID

\* no visible augmentation work

\* NOTE: Found mugged on street, secured

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

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Status: Stable

**IC5-F/JaneDoe1337**

Designation: 142/035-608

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC5

Age: 30

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Pick-up: Asia-Phil

Destination: RBS - Silo E

Associations: low - criminal

Additional:

- \* no ID

- \* Visibly augmented - minor

- \* NOTE: secured during pirate-town raid, black market augmentation, exhibits signs of advanced neuroses possibly due to NPZ withdrawal/augment rejection

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

NPZ treatment administered prior to stasis

Pre-existing conditions may preclude inclusion in project or further processing

Possible Omega candidate of harvesting

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Status: Stable

**IC6-F/JaneDoe2001**

Designation: 142/145-792

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC6

Age: 25

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Pick-up: Asia-Tur

Destination: RBS - Silo C > OR

Associations: unknown

Additional:

- \* no ID

- \* Visibly augmented

- cranial, undetermined

- \* secured from "slave market"

\* NOTE: underground network may be exploited further

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Procedures:

Full work-up req'd upon arrival

existing augmentation may interfere with processing. Send to Omega

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Status: Stable

# How to play Durak

By

Unknown

Typically played with a deck of 36 cards (after removing 2 through 5 cards in all suits). Durak is an aggressive card game played between two to six people. After the deck is shuffled, six cards are dealt to each player. The top card is then placed face up on the bottom of the deck perpendicular to the rest of the deck (so that its denomination and suit are visible). The card is still in play and will be the last card to be drawn, but in the meantime it determines the trump suit. The first attacker is the player with the lowest trump.

Since the deck only contains 36 cards, the number of players is limited to six. Some variants exist that allow for more than one deck to be used, considering that a six person game with one deck gives advantage to the player who attacks first and a disadvantage to the player who defends first.

Attackers move to their left where the Defender must stand their ground or “pass”.

Aces are high. Trumps always beat non-trump cards regardless of rank.

Loser shuffles and deals.

# HOW TO WIN AT MAHJONG

By

Unknown

## **The Basics**

It is a mistake to think of Mahjong as a game of pure luck. To be successful requires considerable skill. For example, the player who is well versed in the rules and who masters the scoring chart will make the best decisions. This is one of the most basic strategies to master and win a game of Mahjong. Another helpful tip is to notice and memorize the discarded tiles of other players in order to know that tiles they will want to pick up.

## **Play Carefully To Have An Edge**

In Mahjong, prudence is rewarded. When discarding your own tiles, do so discreetly. This will keep your opponent from figuring out the type of hand you are playing. A good Mahjong player should be flexible enough to change tactics in the middle of a game if necessary. It always pays to be adaptable.

## **Strategy**

Once you receive your tiles, immediately evaluate the number you will need to win. For this, you must determine the specific number of tiles you will need to finish with the shortest possible path.

## **Playing To Win**

Do not be afraid to take chances. Discard any tiles you will not need.

## **Playing Not To Lose**

Discard your tiles cautiously. If you require only three tiles or less after four draws, you should play to win. Otherwise, play for a draw.

### **Playing For A Draw**

Don't be the first to discard a Dragon or Wind tile. Don't play with doubles and don't claim one for a triplet. It is now safe to discard. Keep the contents of your hand concealed.



# Human Powered - Autonomous Energy Reclamation Systems

By

Hugh Darrow

Excerpt from an article first published in The New Cybernetics & Robotics Journal (Feb/March Edition, 2016).

But of course, it's pointless designing these kinds of desktop wonders if the actual device is incapable of operating in the real world, without recourse to an infinite supply of battery packs or power generation vectors. What powers the human machine? That's where must look in order to power the next generation of cybernetic augmentation technologies - until such times as we can create small, light weight energy cells capable of running far beyond the lifetime of our products, we fall short.

An energy conversion device is the answer; on the scale we're capable of manufacturing now, I'm confident we can create a unit small enough to be implanted, powerful enough to make the best use of chemical energy found in a human body. We do this by mimicking the human digestive process, improving upon the natural method of nutrient conversion from, say a liquid slurry - perhaps some form of organic protein matrix - directly to chemical potential; the capability also exists to derive neurochemical-specific energy signifiers.

# Invasive Brain Machine Interfaces

By

Hugh Darrow

Excerpt from an article in Neuroprosthetics Journal Quarterly (Fall 2012).

Invasive Brain-Machine Interfaces (BMIs), which are most common in North American research, differ mainly from EEG-based interfaces by the method through which neural activity is recorded. While EEGs can record neural activity from outside the skull, invasive BMIs require the implantation of an electrode within the brain itself. In principle, invasive BMIs rely on the hypothesis that groups of neurons will modulate their activity in very similar ways each time a given action is performed, though individual neuron firing varies from trial to trial. A clinically viable BMI should be able to document these modulations and use these modulatory behaviors to reproduce motor actions in artificial actuators (Lebedev, 2006).

In the 1960s and 70s, the scientist Eberhard E. Fetz and his colleagues trained monkeys to coordinate activity of their cortical neurons through biofeedback readings from implanted electrodes. Later, Edward Schmidt proposed that cortical neural activity could move a prosthetic, such as a robotic arm. Due to limitations in technological development, such as the technology necessary to implant sufficient quantities of electrodes into the brain, it took nearly twenty years for researchers to test his hypothesis.

In the mid-90s, invasive BMI testing progressed from mice moving a device with a single degree of freedom to primate movement reproduction. In monkeys, researchers were able to produce ‘reaching’ actualization, in which the neural action of the primate was able to stimulate a robotic arm to feed itself, combining components such as reaching and grasping into a fluid movement (Lebedev, 2006 ).

# IPC Procedures and You

By

Unknown

In times of national crisis, an IPC representative may be responsible for processing hundreds of people within a twenty-four hour period. New detainees being receives at the IPC are processed through the Prisoner Search Area, ADIS, Property Inventory, Booking, Fingerprints, Medical Screening, and Inmate Classification division, before being assigned to one of the facilities' indoor containment cells. Deputies and command staff have designed a receiving system (RCV) to increase the efficiency in which prisoners can be processed and once they arrive. Please slip to appendix B, page 213, for more details.

# Juggernaut Collective (eBook)

By

Unknown

The Juggernaut Collective is a global cyberterrorist group, most likely led by the mysterious hacker known only as “Janus” or the “Gang of Five” (GO5), a collection of faceless hackers. The organization is directly responsible for bankrupting two Fortune 500 companies, crashing the Syrian intelligence agency’s mainframe and bringing the Seattle traffic grid to a standstill. The organization has found its way onto the NSA’s most wanted list.

They have close ties with the “New Sons of Freedom” (NSF), an anti-government militant group operating in the United States. The NSF believes that the rise of augmentations is being used by world governments to create “super soldiers” to the police and ultimately control the people. Juggernaut and NSF share many of these beliefs.

# **Jus Ad Bellum: The Rise of the PMCs**

By

Unknown

## **The Bluewater Scandal**

In 2011, Bluewater Global, the worldwide leader among PMCs became the subject of a scandal that altered the landscape of the military contracting community. On the heels of accusations of wrong-doing by its employees in Afghanistan, a journalist with the Sentai Shimbun captured images of BG staff engaging in clandestine dealings with insurgents - apparently aimed at prolonging elements of the conflict.

The outcry that followed sent shock waves through the PMC business; within a year, congressional hearings, and a massive fall in shareholder confidence sounded the death knell for Bluewater. Public sentiment turned against PMC's, but the need for them was still very immediate. Sensing an opportunity, Roger St. John Ffolkes, founder and CEO of Belltower Associates, filled the power vacuum. Belltower's untarnished image worked in the corporation's favor, beginning a rise that took it to the top of its industry.

# Lee Geng Research

## Update/Progress Status Report

By

Unknown

### 1. Cybernetic Leg Prosthesis: model 6543.01—"Jaguar"

- Built on framework of polymers and lightweight alloys
- Electro-stimulated plastic cables mimic and greatly strengthen muscle tissue feedback and action
- Developing motor-dynamic system and shock-absorbing liquid polymer buffers

Prototype: 65% completion, pending stress tests, final metrics and analysis  
Reveal date: 45 days

### 2. Hacking Device: model 000123.4—Not for General Public!!

- Cranial implant
- Dedicated microcomputer module employing circuit of processors and databases programmed with multiple code-breaking and counter-cryptography subroutines
- Unit capable of identifying and providing intrusion solutions for over five million discreet software barriers

Prototype: 95% completion, pending final circuit and processor evaluations, stress testing  
Reveal date: 10 days

# **Liberate Yourself!**

By

Unknown

Let Us Help!

Liberty In Mind and Body International (L.I.M.B.) is an international humanitarian organization dedicated to the care and welfare of augmented people around the world.

We are the leading advocate and health-care provider for human enhancement technology, with nearly two thousand clinics serving the needs of over eight million people every year.

Founded in 2011 by Doctor Haydon Suyong, formerly of Darrow Industries, our credo is 'Augmentation For All'.

100% independent of corporate and national control, L.I.M.B.'s mission statement is no less than to offer full and equal access to human enhancement products and technologies across every global border and class in society.

Our international network of low-cost medical-mechanical clinics cater exclusively to augmented people, and they can be found in every major city, offering everything from routine cybernetics maintenance, check-ups and consultancy, through to operating theaters with complete augmentation implantation facilities.

# **LIMB International**

By

Unknown

LIMB International (Liberty In Mind and Body) is a multinational company founded in 2011 by Haydon Suyong. Suyong envisioned the creation of worldwide network of healthcare clinics catering exclusively to the specific needs of augmented patients. LIMB International created the LIMB Clinics, a network of augmentation facilities around the world for mechanically augmented individuals between 2011 and the present day.

In 2013, the 50th clinic opened in New Delhi, with over 50,000 patients visiting the facility within the first week of operations. In 2022, the first clinic in Brazil (and the 359th in the world) opened its doors to thousands of new patients.



# MECHsTYLE!

By

Unknown

mECHsTYLE! seems to be a magazine for mechanically augmented people, and the eBook displays its headlines.

Augmentation Couture and Cutting Edge Cyberware for the Enhanced Human

The United Nations bio-politic vote: What it means for YOU.

Tai Yong Medical's new BX-series cyberlimbs - are the rumors of a 45% failure rate true?

New enhancements for the Hermes cyberleg prosthesis.

Full Body Conversions in the next decade.

Top 5 mECHsTYLE picks - Implanted Cellular Phones & Digital Media Players.

L.I.M.B. opens new clinics in Glasgow, Oslo, and Wellington.

The rise in black market cybernetics - can you afford to take the risk?

Take a Dive! We review the AirSure Implanted Rebreather Device off the coast of Baja!

We discuss the aftermath of the recent anti-augmentation riots in Dallas.

Behind the scenes with Sarif Industries' new dermal sheath process.

On the slopes with the aug-boarders of Aspen.

Looking to the future: Where do we go next? The facts about nanotechnology.

# Megan Reed; Lab Notes

By

Megan Reed

[Entry 708]

It's hard to fathom it all sometimes... when I made that breakthrough in my research a couple of years ago, I never thought it would get this big.

I thought it was anomaly at first, but it's become to genetics what universal assemblers are to nanotechnology. We're talking about the Holy Grail of DNA here. Hell, this is Gregor Mendel big.

The thing is... I have to bury the truth. Not the discovery, but how I reached my results. It's become harder lately... I betrayed someone, someone I... respected, for the sake of my research.

I wish I had a chance to fix it, but it got bigger than me... bigger than Sarif. If this ever came to light, Sarif Industries could be ruined.

I don't know what I am going to do. I'm tired. I think I'll just wrap things up for today...

# Modern Warrior Mag

By

Unknown

Advancements in firearm technology means that the modern warrior's weapons are more compact, more customizable and more reliable than ever before.

The ubiquitous 10mm pistol comes in many variants, according to region and organization. But all variants maintain the same basic characteristics and, more importantly, are compatible with the same set of attachments and upgrades.

The most common attachments include the laser sight, silencer and armor piercing modification. While the laser sight is a popular cosmetic improvement, the silencer is a serious tool for stealth agents and assassins. And the armor piercing mod is popular among criminals who are more likely to face heavily armored law enforcement agents.

# MY DIARY

By

Chou Jian

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I am so tired of this place. Day in, day out, solving problems for a bunch of whiny losers. “Fix my shit!” “Unblock my toilet!” I’ll tell you dumbasses what: don’t flush dope baggies and bottle caps down the john and it won’t overflow. I did a graduate degree in Engineering for this!?

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I’ve just got to get out of this place. This shitty hotel is really getting me down. All I’ve got to do is save enough money to get out of here and I’ll never have to see this place again. Two more years. That’s it. And then I’m gone. I’ll be goodbye Lower Hengsha, hello sunshine and fresh air!

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Had to fix Deng’s front door again. This makes the third time in two weeks. He keeps coming home drunk, unable to find his keys and then kicks in the door. This place is driving me nuts. I cannot wait to get out.

# Nano-Augmentation: Pipedream, or Theory for The Future?

By

Hugh Darrow

Excerpt from a paper in NeoNature, September 2022

We've been throwing the word "nanotechnology" around for decades yet, despite only our bests effort, we are only inching closer to that molecular-scale frontier when in fact we should be racing towards it. In the decades to come, the enhanced beings — post humans who are our progeny — will look at the mechanical devices we rudely bolted onto our living flesh or buried inside our grey matter, and they will mock us for our crudity. They will look upon what we have made with the same curiosity, the same disinterest, as the pilot of a veetol aircraft would look upon an ox cart.

The future of human augmentation lies in the small - in fact, the smallest. In the next thirty years, the molecular frontier will be broken and true nano-scalar programming and biological reorientation will be possible. There will be no tedious instances of severing limbs to replace them with steel proxies. We will drink in these tiny machines, inject them - and be transformed.

# Neural Interface Protocols: The PEDOT Revolution

By

Hugh Darrow

First published Neuroprosthetics Journal Quarterly (Fall 2010).

Prior to Darrow Industries' creation of PEDOT electrodes, almost all implanted neurostimulation devices on the market were based on the use of metal electrodes coming into contact with neural tissue. The better the contact, the more useful the device.

As an example, over 10,000 patients have had a deep brain electrode inserted into their skull to reduce tremors from Parkinson's disease. Since there are no pain neural fibers in the brain, the operation is performed while the patient is awake. When the electrode is inserted in the proper location, the tremors stop instantly.

Unfortunately, metal electrodes are stiffer than surrounding brain tissue, and also prone to the mechanical impacts encountered by the body. Thus, when implanted in tissue, they frequently produce inflammation and sheaths of glial tissue surrounding them, a situation which not only leads to tissue injury, but also reduces electrical effectiveness of the device.

PEDOT electrodes were a revolutionary improvement in that they relied on both conducting polymers and live neural cells in their design. The increased biocompatibility and electrical signal transduction properties of the conducting polymer electrodes addressed each of these issues and promised a new generation of implanted electrodes that would benefit patients and clinicians.

# Neuropozyne Withdrawal

By

Unknown

Neuropozyne (Nu-poz) is a drug manufactured by VersaLife. It helps prevent Darrow Deficiency Syndrome, a condition caused due to build-up of scar tissue that can block electrical signals between augmentation electrodes and human tissue that can ultimately lead to rejection. Unlike non-cybernetic implants, which can be made from hypoallergenic materials, there is a requirement for any cybernetic augmentation that will “feel” and can be moved by the mind to have a neuroprosthetic junction. In essence, this is a biochip located within the brain to act as the interface between body and machine.

The main problem with implanting the biochip is that it causes tissue to build up around the junction, causing “nerve scars” that disrupt the integrity of the neuroprosthetic junction causing rejection syndrome, also known as Darrow Deficiency Syndrome (DDS).

Neuropozyne is available by prescription only and weekly doses are required to prevent the disruption of the junction. Although it is not produced with especially rare materials, its distribution is heavily monitored.



# No Better: The Myth of Human Augmentation

By

William Taggart

## Part I

I find myself returning to a story that touched my life; a story about Ezekiel, a young man torn apart by the trauma of augmentation. A man I was lucky enough to be able to help.

Ezekiel was a Marine who had been severely wounded in the Gulf. Believing he had something to prove, he asked to be augmented and returned to duty. But when his tour was over, the shock of his changed self sent him into a spiral of despair. He looked for death back home - and there our paths crossed.

I was able to turn him around, to convince him to have his augmentations removed. After recovering in a Humanity Front clinic, Ezekiel was able to return to the man he'd once been—and became a model case for our group's beliefs. He was truly healed.

## Part II

Humankind has always sought to improve itself; from the earliest iterations of civilization, we improved our minds through education and the pursuit of knowledge, our souls through the quest for spiritual truth, and our bodies through the eradication of disease and hunger.

You will forgive me, perhaps, when I dare to say that the human being is a

divine engine - it is the ultimate expression of life on our Earth, and so it is a most precious and sacred thing. Humanity is what we have, it is what we are.

But that purity falls beneath a shadow, and that shadow is greed, it is weakness. The power is at our fingertips to replace flesh with steel and plastic. But the truth is this: for each piece of yourself you surrender, your humanity dies a little more. You are no better.

### Part III

Some people think that I am a fool to advocate a cessation of augmentation technologies, that I am some sort of backward-looking Luddite yearning for a past that no longer exists. But the truth is, I embrace the future - a human future.

I know that the genie cannot be returned to his bottle - yes, my friends, what has been learned cannot be unlearned - so in that case, we owe it to our species and our progeny to correctly manage this most corrosive, most dangerous technology. Without oversight, we run the risk of losing all that we are. We begin an uncontrolled fall toward inhumanity.

Quite simply, augmentation must not be allowed to run wild. Regulation and control are the key to a safe, sane tomorrow. This is not some great surrender of freedom, not some draconian diktat - it is common sense.

# On-View

By

Unknown

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S ESSENTIAL VIEWING ON HOLO,  
FLATSCREEN & STREAMING MEDIA

8.00pm - 10.00pm

Picus News Network

“The Global Report, with Eliza Cassan”

Cassan interviews cyber-Olympian Sandra Pappenhaus and elder rocker JoCo.

Channel 120

“Heroes on Call” (Episode 2.12)

The conclusion of this two-part episode finds Todd and his Belltower team trapped in the Orphanage by a UN hit squad.

DigiDirect

“Cleen Streets!”

Hapless detective Jack Cleen forces his partner to masquerade as his wife when

Susan divorces him, with hilarious results!

Picus Sports 3

“National Enhanced Hockey League”

Coverage of the Paris Towers vs. Seattle Hammers game.

WorldWatch One HD

“Holly, Wood & Wine”

Holly discovers she is pregnant.

InVision

“InVision Extra”

The Panchaea Project.

CineVid

“Swords of Soulban”

Fantasy Adventure (2014, rated PG)

M3V

“Ny’ashia Akim: The Steel Skin Tour”

Live concert from Mombasa.

Picus Sports 5

“Augmented Combat Challenge 2026 World Championship”

Highlights of last year’s competition.

# Optical Enhancement Functionality

By

Unknown

Darrow Industries developmental study, 2017.

Our core vision enrichment enhancements implant the human eye with a series of suspended organic-plastic lenses using embedded circuitry, tied into a nanoscale neural spike that is attached to the optic nerve.

Beyond the simple optical functionality of the basic module, with provision for an implanted miniature lens array for visual acuity at extended range, there are line enhancements that can become accessible to the implantee after training and/or experiential operation - specifically, the development of autonomic environment parsing. This can include the most basic level of interface with a so-called “heads-up display” or in more advanced modes, a literal predictive understanding of electronic systems and related environmental cues.

In addition, the basic enhanced man is automatically protected from a variety of hazardous visual impairment vectors - damage from flash effects, “retina burn” and other similar occurrences.

# Panama City Tourism

By

Unknown

Our capital city has been a favorite tourist spot for world travellers for decades. It offers fine dining, exemplary accommodations, and a thriving nightlife. Our boardwalk offers breathtaking views of the bay and is home to Nightshades, one of the hottest spots in Panama. Leave the kids at home, adults only!

In the downtown district, you can stay at the Hotel Etana, a world class, five-star hotel that is popular among the large number of multi-nationals traveling to our city.

Although Panama City is full of wonderful culture and is generally safe for travelers, there are areas that visitors should avoid. Be careful not to venture too far inland from the boardwalk or you may end up in the slums!

# Police Tactics

By

Unknown

Within the last 10 years, over 15,000 members of the National Police have been removed from duty due to misconduct, including having ties to drug trafficking and organized crime. To combat corruption, the director of National Police has instituted an “integrity program” that addresses criminality and corruption. The program requires that police candidates undergo full background checks and polygraph tests. The department has also begun using the history of corruption to its advantage in the way of undercover agents and the recruitment of confidential informants and use of surveillance teams.

The Skulls, Panama City’s largest gang, have become synonymous with violence and drug trafficking throughout the entire region, and efforts to penetrate the gang with undercover agents have been largely unsuccessful.

# Practical Shootist Monthly

By

Unknown

Featured in this month's hard-packed edition:

We review the latest iteration of a classic - the Stasiuk Arms XBow compound crossbow system, and we ask if the silent kill is truly the best.

Live fire analysis of the new modified SMG in development for Germany's Bundespolizei GSG 9 division.

Columnist Rick Tiplady discusses the history of a masterpiece, the .357 Python.

Gun Control: managing recoil through augmented cyberlimbs for .50caliber rounds and above.

Our technology consultant looks at the new generation non-lethal firearms, including the new gun out of Hong Kong's Connaught Technologies - the Pulsed Energy Projection System.

On Location - this month, we join the Austin police department's Hostage Rescue Unit.

We examine the latest advancements in Liquid-Matrix armor.

The Skull-Gun and other implanted firearms: Real, Fantasy or Nightmare?

OP-ED: Why is it wrong to have a flamethrower?

Plus all our usual features and columns.



Skull-Gun is a reference to Gunther Hermann from the original Deus Ex, who dreams of getting one of these someday.

# Praxis Software

By

Unknown

Congratulations on your recent mechanical augmentations!

It is common for new augmentation features to be locked after installation so that the body doesn't get overwhelmed and reject it. Rejection of augmentation is caused by an overwhelmed nervous system that leads to a faster rate of glial tissue build up, which no dose of Neuropozyne can counter. Traditionally, these features are unlocked only through prolonged use, allowing the body to adjust slowly to the features.

Praxis Kits, which are distributed mainly from LIMB clinics, allow this system to be bypassed manually, releasing new features vis the user's own free will in a shorter time frame.

The method is usually not an option for most users. However, those patients whose body accepts the augmentations with greater ease can use Praxis kits to advance the process without prolonged use of the augmentation. The cost of these kits are fairly high, making them prohibitive to most augmented patients.

# Radical Evolution is a Reality

By

Hugh Darrow

Comments by Hugh Darrow on 'KnowFuture', broadcast November 9th 2011, 9.00pm PST on the Picus News Network.

Oh, undoubtedly Garreau got it right. I read the man's work and I see no reason to contradict him. He talks about the three futures and I see the lines toward them stretching out from this moment. That's what we are doing at Darrow Industries, we're building the possibility.

One future is where human beings are supplanted by newer, better, smarter versions of themselves. The next year's model of mankind, if you can call it that. Garreau called that "The Heaven Scenario". Then there's the claptrap spouted by doomsayers who claim we'll all be dead before 2050, or something... that's "The Hell Scenario". And then there's "The Prevail Scenario", and to be quite honest, I imagine that's the one that's most likely to come about. That third option is where tomorrow lies undetermined, where we make the world anew as it happens. You can't simply bolt a machine limb to a man, gift him with post-human ability, and not expect it to radically change him.

# **Reimagining Retinal Implants: Doctor Dobelle's Success**

By

Hugh Darrow

Excerpted from a paper published by Hugh Darrow in American Scientific in 2010.

Many of you may not have heard of Dr. Dobelle. Doctor Dobelle is a doctor from New York whose specialty is in designing artificial organs. Several years ago, he embarked a project to implement an artificial eye which could transmit information straight into the occipital lobe of the brain. (For those of you still new to neuroscience, the occipital lobe is one of four lobes in the human brain. It is located at the back of the head and is responsible mostly for our visual processing.)

The goal for Dr. Dobelle was to create an implant with an electrode array and surgically insert it onto the surface of the occipital lobe's visual cortex. This way, the camera could transmit straight to the brain instead of to the eye, and hopefully create a more complex image than what can be achieved by a retinal implant. The procedure was very costly to perform, costing approximately \$80,000. After working hard to raise money, an experimental patient who had lost his vision 20 years prior was finally able to undergo it. So, after allowing this patient ten days in recovery, Dr. Dobelle attempted to stimulate the electrodes which were now attached to the surface of his visual cortex.

# Resist The Machine

By

Unknown

Resist The Machine!

We Are Purity First!

Reject The Metal!

Embrace Yourself!

Lies Are Made of Steel - The Truth Is Flesh & Blood!

Are you tired of seeing half-human cyborgs taking jobs and opportunities from good people?

Are you sick of cogs who mutilate and debase themselves?

We believe that understanding human choice is impossible without first experiencing the human body's limitations!

Physical limitations are what make us human - we should not strive to be anything else!

Attempting to improve the human condition through biological modifications only diverts attention and resources from social solutions that could do the same without changing the fundamental nature of people!

We believe that any deliberate attempt to change the human body is ethically and morally wrong.

Purity First cannot be smashed, it cannot be effectively infiltrated, it cannot be stopped.

You, each and every one of you, are Purity First.

# **Respirocyte Technology & Hazardous Environment Parsing**

By

Unknown

Darrow Industries developmental study abstract document, 2021.

The respirocyte project currently represents the bleeding edge of nano-scale micromachine technology, and while a full 'pure' application of that system is still several years ahead of our current capabilities, at this stage we are capable of implanting a combined interlaced augmentation using basic respirocyte proxies, rebreather technology and enhanced lung musculature synthesis, using electroactive polymers.

The respirocyte itself is an artificial red blood cell, a sphere approximately one micron in diameter with a high internal pressure on the order of around one thousand atmospheres; test examples have been constructed using artificial diamond analogues, drawing power from blood glucose. It is theorized that the mature design respirocytes could contain several hundred times more oxygen and carbon dioxide than organic blood cells; in effect, a human being with respirocyte colonies in their bloodstream could hold their breath for long periods.

Combined with microminiature rebreather systems to recycle exhaled breathing gasses and implanted molecular filters, it is theoretically possible for a human so equipped to also resist airborne poisons, particulate contaminants and other toxic environments for short periods.

# REX-84 Operational Field Notes

By

Unknown

Reference to Operation Garden Plot

Extant to the operational results from continuity of government REX-84 Alpha Explan (subsection of Department of Defense Civil Disturbance Plan 55-2, 'Operation Garden Plot'), regarding large-scale suppression / arrest / detainment of civilians during national crisis situation.

Function: to suppress insurgence whenever unlawful assemblages of rebellion against the authority of the United States make it impractical to enforce law in any state or territory by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings.

Application of forces: local and state police, Army and (in support role) Air National Guard under State control, Federal city law enforcement officials, federal military forces to include Army and (in support role) Air National Guard. The minimum forces to be supported in the Detroit objective area is 5,000, the maximum is 12,000, as specified by Executive Order in which said forces have been directed to resolve law and order.



# Rifleman Bank Station Interrogation Wing Detainees

By

Unknown

**IC1-F/SullivanNina-3d6d**

Designation: 002/018-710

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC1

Age: 20

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Pick-up: Afr-SA

Destination: RBS - B

Associations: unknown - low risk

Additional:

- \* ID confirmed

- Nina Sullivan, b. 2007, Can

- Student

- \* no visible augmentation work

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Procedures:

- \* Med. History interview reveals no counter-indications

- descent. W2/W1 - Ire/UK

- \* No pre-existing conditions

- \* No augmentations

- \* Preliminary examination

- Blood Type: A-neg

- Biopsy indicates genetic markers well within acceptable values
- \* Imaging Results
- previously fractured ulna - likely 7-10 yrs

Suggest continuing protocol

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Status: Awaiting transfer to lab  
**IC3-F/AugerLouise-012**

Designation: 150/154-826

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Sex: F  
Ethnicity: IC3  
Age: 34

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Pick-up: EU-UK  
Destination: RBS - B  
Associations: low - prostitute  
Additional:  
\* ID confirmed  
- Louise Auger, b. 1993, Fra  
\* no visible augmentation work

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Procedures:

- \* Med. History interview reveals no counter-indications
- descent: Afr - Fra (B2?)
- \* No pro-existing conditions
- \* Preliminary examination
- Blood Type: AB
- Biopsy indicates genetic markers well within acceptable values
- \* Imaging results
- previously undisclosed augmentations, social/sexual in nature

  

- \* Project Protocol
- Administered hyper-dose NPZ - PASS

- Removal of existing augmentations

- \* Transfer to Lab - Kavanagh

- Upper column/Occipital replacement

- Administered compound P-026

Massive rupture of cerebral arteries

Possible glial mass

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Status: Terminated

**IC5-F/LiAnne-w00t**

Designation: 142/030-156

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC5

Age: unknown

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Pick-up: Asia-CH

Destination: RBS - B

Associations: unknown

Additional:

- \* ID unconfirmed - see Imaging below

- uncooperative subject

- \* no visible augmentations

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Procedures:

- \* Med. History interview reveals no counter-indications

- descent. Sino - CH/US (01-W9)

- \* No pre-existing conditions

- \* Preliminary examination

- Blood Type: A-neg

- Biopsy indicates genetic markers well within acceptable values

- \* Imaging Results

- \* \* implanted metal (Titanium?) graft

unknown origin, Occipital bone  
label 'Anne, Li 144; HF Mudd'  
- possible enlarge left atr.

\* Project Protocol  
- unsuitable for continuance

\* Transfer to OR, 45133  
- Reed project

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Status: Transferred  
**IC5-F/JaneDoe 9903**

Designation:142/030-156

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Sex: F  
Ethnicity: IC5  
Age: 25

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Pick-up: Asia-CH  
Destination: RBS - B  
Associations: unknown  
Additional:  
\* no ID confirmed  
\* possible social augmentations

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Procedures:  
\* Med. History interview  
- uncooperative, presence of social enhancements complicate results - Burke  
- EMP field renders subject un responsive  
- descent. Sino  
\* Preliminary examination  
- Blood Type: B-pos  
- Biopsy indicates genetic markers well within acceptable values  
\* Imaging Results

- cranial augmentations confirmed
- \* Project Protocol
- \* Administered hyper-dose NPZ - PASS
- \* Existing augmentations in place
- \* Transfer to Lab - Kavanagh
  - Upper column/Occipital replacement
  - Administered Compound P-042a
  - Interface established - PASS
- \* Telemetry
  - Increased throughput capacity - 134%
  - Lifespan - TBD
- \* Transfer to Ayers' - immediate, Burke

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Status: Transferred  
**IC1-F/GallagherL-6006**

Designation: 009/053-036

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Sex: F  
Ethnicity: IC1  
Age: unconfirmed

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Pick-up: Oce-Aus  
Destination: RBS - B  
Associations: SAF/FSA?  
Additional:

- \* ID confirmed
- Laura Gallagher, b. ?, Sydney, NSW
- former SAF parliamentarian
- reportedly kidnapped by FSA
- secured in raid of FSA camp

- \* no visible augmentations

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Procedures:

- \* Med. History interview
  - reveals no counter-indications
  - descent. Cauc - Aus (W9)
- \* Preliminary examination
  - Blood Type: O-neg
  - Biopsy indicates genetic markers well within acceptable values

\* Imaging Results

- normal

\* Project Protocol

- Administered hyper-dose NPZ - PASS

\* Transfer to Lab - Kavanagh

- Upper column/Occipital replacement
- Administered Compound P-024a
- Interface established - PASS

\* Telemetry

- Increased throughout capacity - 176%

\* Transfer to Pan02 - Burke

- Failure at 74hrs

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Status: Terminated

**IC5-F/JunWang-70h**

Designation: 142/030-156

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Sex: F

Ethnicity: IC5

Age: 32

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Pick-up: Asia-Ch

Destination: RBS - B

Associations: possible crim. org.

Additional:

- \* ID confirmed

- Jun Wang, b. 1995, Hengsha, CHN

- suspected harvester 'runner'

- \* Confirmed augmentations - Goldman

- Right arm replacement

- Right auricular (cochlear) replacement

- Right and left leg replacements

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Procedures:

- \* Med. History interview

- poss. delusional (Machine god?)

- descent. Sino

- \* Preliminary examination

- Blood Type: B-pos

- Biopsy indicates presence of problematic genetic markers

- \* Imaging Results

- extensive augmentation work

- \* Project Protocol -

- Administered hyper-dose NPZ - PASS

- Existing augmentations preclude continuing project

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Status: Terminated - processed, return to TSHung

# Rooftop Pitfalls Claim Another

By

Unknown

It is an article discussing the death of Faridah Malik's friend Evelyn Carmichael, which was officially labeled as an alcohol-induced rooftop fall. Adam Jensen helps Malik reveal the truth behind this case in the Shanghai Justice side-quest.

Evelyn Carmichael, a young woman in her early 20s, became one of the latest victims claimed by the deadly Youzhao rooftops that have authorities clamoring for stricter safety regulations and zoning permits.

Sources close to the victim say Evelyn had been out celebrating with her boyfriend before the incident occurred. A witness, whose identity was not released, claims she slipped and fell while descending one of the many staircases that connect the Youzhao and Kuaigan rooftops with Pandeng street below. Police believe alcohol or drugs may have influenced the fatal accident, but officials claim the tragedy could have been avoided entirely if laws were different.

With elections just around the corner, Evelyn's death will no doubt spark a host of new debates and controversy concerning city-wide safety regulations. Rooftop-related injuries and deaths have steadily risen in the last 5-years, and make up over 60% of all recorded accidental fatalities each year.



# Sarif Industries Incident Report

By

Unknown

## **Sarif Industries Incident Report TA 00514-008**

CASE #: TA 00514

INCIDENT: Terrorist attack on Sarif Industries Headquarters, Detroit.

OFFICER: Det. Gene Szczepkowski (DPD 4211)

SUBJECT: [008] Confused witness

DETAILS: Apart from Sarif's Chief of Security (who is still in a critical condition in a [\*edit\*]) and another lab technician who is lying in a deep coma in the same hospital, the only witness to the attack on Sarif who was left alive is a tech named Arthur Hopkins.

Something peculiar regarding the witness' deposition or lack thereof: When we first got on the scene, Mr. Hopkins was waiting for us in the rec room near the labs. He was obviously in shock but quite coherent and ready to give a clear description of the incident.

The Emergency Response team wanted to make sure his condition was stable before allowing us to interview him. When we came back after his check-up, a few minutes later, he was incoherent and confused. He couldn't remember anything about the attack. We still haven't heard back from the ER team regarding this matter.

[\* Addendum, Cpt. Penn \*]

The situation has been resolved with the medical team. Mr. Hopkins' condition has been validated. He suffered from a severe concussion. This matter is closed.

## **Sarif Industries Incident Report TA 00514-012**

CASE #: TA 00514

INCIDENT: Terrorist attack on Sarif Industries Headquarters, Detroit.

OFFICER: Det. Gene Szczepkowski (DPD 4211)

SUBJECT: [012] Probable use of unidentified high tech compound

DETAILS: While examining the crime scene, Det. Hayward and I both noticed that the area covered by the attack seemed abnormally damaged — burned to a degree that could not be explained by the normal fire or the use of any known explosives. It was the same for all of eye recovered victim's bodies.

Residue analyzed by forensic lab officers on the scene likely comes from a high tech accelerant of unknown nature. It seems the labs, equipment and victims were deliberately burned to an excessive degree.

The most obvious conclusion is that this was done to eliminate all possible trace evidence. But it just feels odd, like something is off.

## **Sarif Industries Incident Report TA 00514-023**

CASE #: TA 00514

INCIDENT: Terrorist attack on Sarif Industries Headquarters, Detroit.

OFFICER: Det. Christopher Chase (DPD 3837)

SUBJECT: [023] Attackers are definitely professionals

DETAILS: Quick run-down: There was no trace evidence found at what seems to be the point of entry. the incident didn't last long, but the amount of damage was excessive. There were a large number of victims and yet, not

many rounds were fired and the accuracy was spot on. The attackers were probably all marksmen.

This was the work of top-notch professionals.

Sarif confirms that a new augmentation design was being tested just prior the attack, but that the augmentation itself was unharmed and no files related to it were stolen. The obvious motif here is theft and/or corporate espionage. But why then destroy the facility and murder everyone? A competitor could no doubt benefit from such a catastrophe, but these measures are quite extreme and to my knowledge, this is an incident without precedent. I want to note here that I've brought this matter up to Lt. Ashbrook on multiple occasions, with no concrete results.

# Sarif Industries: Rising to Tomorrow

By

Unknown

David Sarif had a dream: that one day he would create a technology that would change the world, and his company would be the crucible where that would happen. In 2007, Sarif Industries opened its doors in Detroit, working in partnership with the city to revitalize it with an influx of new technology industries.

Sarif's research and development of augmentations are a measure of human advancement toward a better future, and our founder's reputation as a free-thinker and a maverick has allowed him to recruit a staff of like-minded geniuses, gathering the kinds of nonconformist scientists that, like David Sarif, have never truly been able to function in a regimented corporate environment.

In the past two decades, Sarif Industries has generated a reputation for originality and innovation in the business and science communities.

Here at Sarif Industries, we specialize in the design and manufacture of advanced neuro-augmentations and prosthetics for human implantation, and we strive to distinguish ourselves by working with clients to create progressive, forward-thinking, custom augmentations that answer specific challenges and needs. We are proud to maintain our creative independence in a rapidly shrinking and highly competitive marketplace.

To ensure our uniqueness, we maintain an in-house staff of doctors and nurses, in addition to the usual array of augmentation scientists and

researchers, training them to work with clients to determine individual needs. Sarif Industries offers its clients free comprehensive, pre-operational screenings so as to better understand their personal challenges.

We employ over 1500 people in the Detroit area, in our factory and R&D facilities. More than any other corporation in the augmenting industry, we work hard to promote and maintain our reputation as innovators and as a home for independence, excellence and quality.

# Synthetic Thought: The Human AI

By

Unknown

## **Synthetic Thought: The Human AI - Can a Machine think like a Man?**

Can a Machine think like a Man?

Since the late nineties, the scientific community's attempts to construct what one might call a "bio-computer" system have evolved from pure science fiction to a viable and very real research endeavor.

Consider a bio-matter device with the capacity to repair itself, to reprogram itself, perhaps even at some advanced levels of complexity to modify its own structure to better perform its assigned tasking. The ongoing maturation of nanobiotechnology has opened the gateway to the construction of nano-scale systems utilizing biologically-derived components merging organic interfaces with the processing capacity of traditionally-derived computer architecture

Pioneering designs already exist, using patterned variations built on the brain structure of minor phylum rodentia and canines, and the potential for a human-scale iteration of this technology is not only possible, but if successful, may represent a radical evolution in thinking systems.

## **Synthetic Thought: The Human AI - Can a machine lie?**

Can a machine lie?

The evolution of Artificial Intellect raises questions of a moral and ethical nature that affect humans in a way that no other technological development has before. If the search for AI is to create a mechanism that reasons and

intuits in a fashion similar to a human organism, then what is the scope of the morality of such an intelligence?

As early as 2009, at the Laboratory of Intelligent Systems in Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale of Lausanne, Swiss scientists developed an iterative experiment using robots with a 264-bit binary code 'genome' that governed how they reacted to different stimuli; after 500 iterations, the LIS robots had learned to think around a task set to them - the gathering of a resource - to the point where they could 'lie' to their fellows in order to hoard said resource for themselves.

# Tai Yong Medical & You!

By

Unknown

## **Tai Yong Medical & You! - Corporate Background**

Transcript:

### Corporate Background

A multinational biotechnology company based in and around the Hengsha Island development nexus in China, Tai Yong Medical specializes in the manufacture and sale of human augmentation hardware. TYM is proud to be one of the market leaders in our chosen industry, and with our ongoing strategic partnerships and corporate mergers, our board of directors are committed to making us the principal augmentation producer across the globe by the year 2030.

Tai Yong Medical is a cost-effective alternative when choosing augmentation manufacturers. We have earned this title by selling our products at or near cost price direct to our clients, be they corporate, governmental or private. Our aggressive market presence has seen us expand to become the employer of over 9,500 people in China, Japan, the United States, Nigeria, South Africa and Mexico, with branch offices in six more nations.

## **Tai Yong Medical & You! - Corporate History**

Transcript:

### Corporate History



Tai Yong Medical was incorporated in Shanghai in 1977, as a designer/manufacturer of silicon prosthetic limbs. Throughout the 1980's, TYM grew to become a moderately-sized company with two factories in the People's Republic of China and sales all across South East Asia; but it was in 2009, when Zhao Yun Ru, one of China's first - and youngest - CEOs brought her unique vision to the company that Tai Yong became a name known around the world.

Working with the Army of the People's Republic, Yun Ru's altruism and business acumen cemented an arrangement to supply augmentations to amputee combat veterans, making Tai Yong Medical a corporate force to be reckoned with, fuelling new expansion across South East Asia, and growing African markets; later, in 2017, TYM was invited to take part in the audacious Hengsha Island project, leading to the construction of its corporate headquarters.

# The Attack on Nature

By

Unknown

## Turning Our World Against Us

For all the grand schemes of leading figures in the field of “geo-engineering”, the fact is this branch of “science” is in fact nothing short of charlatantry.

Putting aside the lingering questions of global warming and its effect - or lack thereof - on the world around us; instead consider the damage that will be wrought by these “climate change cowboys” if they are allowed to run riot across the ecosphere.

Toothless environmental protection treaties and governments who care only for profits and votes are opening the door for scientists with “quick-fix” solutions up their sleeves. They leave our fragile Earth, already injured through our short-sightedness, vulnerable to greater harm.

How can anything known as “geo-hacking” be a positive endeavor? We are discussing means of weather control and environmental modification not made to save lives, but often funded by military think-tanks to wage war!

# **The Belltower Way**

By

Unknown

## **The Belltower Way - Corporate Background Brief**

Transcript

Corporate Background Brief

The Belltower Group provides a maximum spectrum private military/security solution for every need; the company was incorporated in 1997, beginning life as a security consultancy and close protection (bodyguard) agency.

Currently with offices in Afghanistan, Bahrain, China, Iraq, Kenya, India, and the United States, our headquarters in England is a hardened skyscraper with all the capabilities of a military base, situated in the London sink, an area of reclaimed land close to the river Thames. Other key facilities include a maritime base on the US Gulf coast and a training facility in Bangalore, India.

Belltower's services are tailored for international clients, including governments, international agencies, and the corporate sector. It is also a registered and active UN contractor.

We provide specialist security and risk management solutions to counter extreme threats, along with exfiltration, K&R, threat neutrality operations and quick-react symphonic defenses.

## **The Belltower Way - Company History**

## Transcript

### Company History

In the 1990's, decorated officer Roger St John-Ffolkes left the British Army and became a strategic consultant for a UK-based Private Military Contractor (PMC). What he learned there encouraged him to strike out on his own. Calling in favors from contracts gleaned from years in the Army, St John-Ffolkes set up Belltower UK, the precursor to The Belltower Group PLC. His personal ethos informed everything about the company's operations and corporate policy, and Belltower became known for its refusal to engage in any contracts of an "ethically challenged" nature.

At first, Belltower operated in a minor conflict hotspots, handling low-level corporate security, kidnap and retrieval and close protection details. By the early 2000's, the company had expanded its operations and grown into Belltower Associates. An umbrella entity, the Belltower Group now included sub-divisions such as Belltower Maritime Security, Belltower Alpha, HackWall Data Protection Services, and Skye Secure Aviation.

# The Intelligence Circuit

By

Hugh Darrow

Excerpted from a talk given by Hugh Darrow at the 2020 Human Plus Conference in San Jose.

We get carried away with the idea of bolting robot arms and legs to our fleshy torsos, but I firmly believe that the real core of what we can innovate lies within our meat - more specifically, in our brains.

Deep brain implants are the way in which the human machine can truly be supercharged. Consider our gray matter; our neural DNA has been imprinted with a mammoth amount of information allowing us to parallel-process huge and complex data sets in quick order - but for all that, our “wet memory” is patchy and sporadic. We lack the ability to communicate data in complete fashion!

Through the use of cognitive enhancement implants providing neurotropic stimuli, we are capable of creating a new level of neural synchrony that can effectively boost brain capacity; and via wireless data-parsing subsystems, a form of “radio telepathy” is a real and viable concept. Faster brains processing more data, reacting quicker, capable of streaming that data in real-time to other similarly accelerated posthumans — this is the real frontier.

# The Nature of Neuroplasticity

By

Hugh Darrow

From a lecture by Hugh Darrow given at the Bern Institute of Medicine, 2013.

The term ‘neuroplasticity’ literally means the flexibility of the brain to reorganize itself based on the result of experience. Two decades ago, the consensus among cognitive neuroscientists like yourselves was that lower brain and neocortical areas were unable to be changed after development - whereas structures such as memory could be actively altered in areas related to formation of recall.

In a series of cleverly designed experiments, Michael Merzenich proved that somatosensory and auditory sensations—touch and hearing, respectively—can, in fact, be modified through practice. This process of longterm potentiation was further explored in a series of studies in the mid-90s at Southern Illinois University—studies which clearly showed how memories could be enhanced by manipulating neuroplasticity.

Indeed, with the precise timing available to us in today’s computers, we can clearly see that enhancement in learning can be applied for areas of the motor cortex, auditory cortex, somatosensory cortex, and hippocampus. Manipulation of neuroplasticity makes it clear that we, as a species, have been blessed with a brain that has an unparalleled flexibility to incorporate neuroplasticity augmentations.

# **The Neural Hub - Design For a Next Generation**

By

Hugh Darrow

Excerpt from a paper in NeoNature, May 2015.

Neural Hub technology is viewed by some as the milestone about the neck of cybernetics research, but such commentary indicates a failure to think outside the box. In fact, the neural hub has always had the capacity to grow beyond its function as a gateway for cyberware integration.

These implants, developed in the beginning as components in ever-shrinking cell phone/TV/and MP3 player parts, comprise numerous physical processors integrated on one physical chip, but the key is in the threading: the hub is controlled by software which enables more efficient processing on the hardware. Each input from the nervous system generates its own or multiple threads, based on operations like motion or recollection. What I propose is a combination of multi-core processors tied closer to the human brain's own superlative multi-tasking capacity - effectively breaking down the barrier between the commonplace hub designs of current iterations and the subject's own mind.

In effect, we allow the hub to work with the human brain. In analogy, instead of a relay-race where one participant is slower than the other, it becomes a ride on a tandem.

# **The Science and Theory behind Cochlear Implants**

By

Hugh Darrow

Excerpt from a paper in NeoNature, February 2010.

A cochlear implant is a small electronic device implanted into the cochlea which aims to restore a very basic level of hearing to the deaf or severely hard of hearing. They are the most widely used neuroprosthetics in the U.S.

In order to understand how a cochlear implant works, one must first understand how the human ear works. Sound waves travel through the air and are funneled into the auditory canal by the pinna - the outer part of the ear that we can see. The sound waves travel down the auditory canal and put pressure on the tympanic membrane — also known as the eardrum — causing vibration of the ossicles on the other end of the eardrum. This vibration continues through the ossicles and puts pressure on the oval window attached to the cochlea.

The cochlea is where the sensation of hearing occurs. It is a fluid-filled space that spirals like a sea shell. Within the spirals of the cochlea are small hair cells called the organ of Corti. When pressure is put on the oval window, the fluid within the cochlea moves, and some hair cells are pressed down. When this happens, the hair cells become activated and transmit this information to the brain. Different perceptions of sound are based on the different combinations of sound waves pressing down various hair cells in the organ of Corti within the cochlea. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may have an ineffective cochlea or damage to that area. They may also have damage to the ossicles that transmit sound vibration.



# **The Shadow of Omega**

By

Unknown

Omega Ranch was a massive undertaking, a highly-secure site with multiple labs and research departments, along with support structures and an accommodation complex. In 2009 the Disease Control Initiative opened their doors to the world's doctors, but the facility was dogged by technical issues, staffing problems and underfunding.

The pressures on the WHO staff at the isolated facility grew and finally, in 2018, the worst-case scenario came to pass. A breach in containment led to the explosive spread of a modified variant of the H5N1 avian flu virus, which swept across Malaysia, killing tens of thousands of people.

The exact details of the cause of the outbreak are unclear, although some conspiracists have insisted that the event was deliberately triggered by clandestine groups - perhaps as an attempt to destabilize the region. The epidemic would have lasting effects on Malaysia.

# **The Singularity Church of the MachineGod**

By

Unknown

## **Our Manifesto**

Have you ever wondered about the fate of our species?

We exist in a time unlike any other; a time where man can go beyond the tyranny of flesh and embrace a new tomorrow.

We share the belief of a manifest destiny for our species, a future where human instrumentality evolves into a form beyond our crude flesh and blood.

The next evolution is near, A coming together of man and machine. A synthesis greater than the birth of the human organism.

This is the Singularity. The God in the Machine.

Many cultures predict an end to humanity in the near future, a final Armageddon that will end the world; but we disagree.

We know the future of man.

Join us. Understand the path that unfolds before our species.

Grow beyond the bounds of flesh and blood.

Embrace the Singularity!

# **The Six Month War**

By

Unknown

## **A History of the Conflict**

With the absorption of Palestine into the United Arab Front, it was inevitable that the coalition of nations first conceived by Iran in 2014 would turn their attention to Israel. Generations of Arabs who had grown up knowing of nothing but conflict with their neighbors were stirred to belligerence by the new power of the UAF; and emboldened by expansionist doctrines, plans were laid for a lightning-strike assault.

In March of 2021, the conflict that would become known as the Six Month War was ignited by a massed invasion. A carefully coordinated attack using infantry and armored elements, fighters and bombers, short-range ballistic missiles and limited littoral sea power struck at Israeli defense forces - but the key element of the engagement was the use of covert augmented operatives and cyber-welfare units to cripple defensive command-and-control networks and nuclear retaliatory strike capacity.

# The Speech

By

Hugh Darrow

Mr. Secretary General, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen

David Sarif has asked me to assemble you here today, so that we might speak openly and honestly about a global issue. An issue which even now threatens to pull our society apart.

I am speaking, of course, of Human Enhancement Technology. The merging of man and machine.

Contrary to popular opinion, I did not come up with the concept. But twenty years ago I embraced it — with all my heart and soul — for I believed that blending technology with human biology would enable us to reach a level of achievement which only gods can achieve.

I saw us living as gods — in a realm without illness, suffering, or death. A realm in which every individual is able to become the Man that biology, society, circumstance, or Fate has tried so desperately to keep him from becoming.

I, myself, hoped to be one of those men.

Twenty years later, I can say with certainty that this dream I had is tarnished. Human Enhancement Technology has not turned us into gods. Instead, it has opened the door, once again, for powerful men to believe they have the right to make others what they please.

Men want control. Of the future. Of the world. Of each other.

David asked me to show the world how human enhancement technology can change it. And after careful deliberation, I've realized I must do exactly that. I know that many of you will condemn me after today but I also believe that one day, I will be remembered as the man who saved Humanity.

David, forgive me.

# **The Threat of Cybernetic Discognition Disorder**

By

Hugh Darrow

OP-ED column in The New Cybernetics Journal, Fall 2015 Edition, by Hugh Darrow.

Like every other new technology, from the automobile to television, human augmentation has been pilloried as a menace that will destroy our society from within and reduce us all to drooling imbeciles. I'm certain that, like me, you're just as tired of this reaction to dog-whistle punditry.

But we can't shy away from the fact that, indeed, cybernetics are a double-edged sword. By making human augmentation technology free for all, we run the risk of it falling into the hands of distressed and mentally unfit individuals. There's no denying that augmentations change the way you think about yourself, but no more than one would after cosmetic surgery - and this so-called "cybernetic discognition disorder" seems to be little more than a convenient label slapped on a much deeper problem.

The fact is, adding cybernetic implants to your body will no more destroy your sanity than playing videogames will make you a psychopath; what we must be watchful for are those whose already-fragile mental states will be destabilized further by augmentation.

# The Tyranny of Biology

By

Hugh Darrow

Transcript of a seminar given by Hugh Darrow at the World Bioethics Summit in Tokyo, 8 September 2011.

The next study I'd like to share is one in which we analyzed the security and privacy properties of implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD), introduced to the US market in 2003, this model ICD includes pacemaker technology and is designed to communicate wirelessly with a nearby external programmer in the 175 kHz frequency range. After partly reverse-engineering the ICD's communication device with an oscilloscope and a software radio, we implemented several software radio-based attacks that could compromise patient safety and security.

<At this point, cries of outrage from participants interrupt Mr. Darrow. He looks up, surprised. Loud, gravelly sounds.>

Please! Ladies and gentlemen, please!

<After several minutes, the crowd quiets enough for Mr. Darrow to speak.>

Listen, I'm not here to talk about the philosophical nature of what we do in augmentation research. That's not to say I don't understand the ramifications of my work - just that there are better thinkers than I more suited to the task.

My prowess - if you'll forgive me for calling it that - is the creation of these engines of human development. I'll leave it to future generations to decide if I am remembered well for what I've created.

But I will say this; at no point in our history as the dominant species on this

planet have we, as human beings, had as much power over our bodies, as we do now. We are on the threshold an age where the tyranny of biology can be defeated. Someone born blind, someone whose legs are claimed by some tragedy, someone who once could hear but now cannot - we offer hope to them. Nature no longer has the upper hand.



# **The Use of Neuromuscular Facilitation System**

By

Hugh Darrow

Excerpt from a paper in NeoNature, October 2019.

The concept of a neuromuscular facilitator module is essentially one of an enhanced system that allows a human being to exceed normal reflex delay, to literally move at “the speed of thought.” Pressure signals are transmitted through bio-synthetic circuits from a web of augmentation elements to enhance dexterity, muscle control, balance and other related abilities. A core unit — a central governor, if you will — works in concert with a series of distributed sub-modules implanted at key nerve junctions in the user’s limbs and elsewhere among the implantee’s vestibular structure; these in turn co-ordinate wirelessly with a strata of bio-plastic discs located along the lines of the spine. As the neuromuscular facilitator module ‘beds in’ to the implantee’s neural pattern and becomes a functioning part of the user’s body, experience will allow them to increase electrical neuron stimuli beyond initial states, and thus raise the levels of corporeal control, sensory function, and agility to even greater heights.

# **The Visual Cortex 2.0 - The Eye, Redesigned**

By

Hugh Darrow

Excerpt from an article by Hugh Darrow in The American Cybernetics Gazette, Winter 2012 Edition.

In the organic model, normal vision begins when light enters through its lens and moves to strike specialized light-receiving photoreceptor cells coating the retina, called rods and cones. These cells convert light into electrochemical impulses that are sent down the optic nerve and into the sense centers of the human brain. In healthy subjects, the eye can function well for many years, but retinal diseases like age-related macular degeneration retinitis pigmentosa destroy vision by annihilating these cellular matrices.

A visual prosthetic - what some colloquially call a “bionic eye” - is a form of neural prosthesis intended to partially restore vision in a patient suffering from one of the aforementioned afflictions, or to amplify and enrich the existing vision of a healthy subject. Darrow Industries’ refinement of this technology does away with the need for an external camera-to-implant relay system, instead reducing the extant hardware to a single biochip directly inserted into the retinal zone of the eye.

# Thermoptic Shielding

By

Unknown

Thermoptics is the shorthand term for converting the heat signatures of hot and cold objects into a viewable image. It was originally used offensively, to spy on the enemy at night and launch attacks when visible light wasn't available. Very quickly though, defensive techniques evolved, such as heat shielding and thermal decoys.

There has been a virtual revolution in the science and engineering of thermoptic technology in recent years. The latest development is a sophisticated counter-measure called Thermoptic Shielding.

The principal of Thermoptic Shielding is to envelop a target area in layers of electrically charged shielding. A computer program then generates a simulated thermal signal based on the user's design. The simulated heat signature is projected outward, while the true signature remains concealed.

The result is that anyone spying on a Thermoptically Shielded target could just as easily confuse an empty room for a room full of agents, and vice versa.

# Tomorrow is Green

By

Unknown

## A Blueprint For Saving the Earth

The plain truth of it is this - we as a species have brutally abused our mother world, and now only we as a species, in concert, can heal it once more.

How do we accomplish this? There are many ways, and they start with each and every one of us, from taking individual responsibility to reduce one's carbon footprint through to larger and more proactive projects requiring dynamic, cross-national cooperation. Such as:

- \* Close-Orbit Mirrors - orbital microsatellite mirrors capable of deflecting sunlight.
- \* Green-Tech Energy Solutions - solar power cells; wind farms; wave power.
- \* Iron Seeding - stimulating ocean plankton to consume carbon.
- \* Cloud Ships - mobile wind-powered vessels capable of turning sea water into white counter-solar clouds via weather modification.
- \* Synthetic Trees - nature-imitative carbon-capture technologies.
- \* Deep-Ocean Water Displacement - piping systems to draw water from the ocean depths up to simulate the Earth's capacity for self-healing.

# Tomorrow's Man: The Hugh Darrow Story

By

Unknown

## Turning Points

Darrow's father - Sir Martin Darrow, media mogul and the founder of Picus Communications - enrolled him in the prestigious Scaitcliffe School and later the Stowe School. A natural athlete, Hugh was the captain of football, rugby union, and cricket teams, but beyond these sports, he found school to be boring and unchallenging, and opted not to enroll in college after graduation.

His personal interests in designing and building computer-controlled mechanical devices - a crude robot at age 10, a makeshift robotics lab at 16 - finally led him to the world's first Robot Wars competition in 1994.

He failed to win, but while discussing design ideas with other robotics experts at the competition, he heard about human motion studies being carried out at Stanford University, aimed at designing better prosthetic devices for amputees; Darrow extended his stay in the USA to meet with several biomechatronic researchers.

## Adversity & Challenge

An ill-fated ski trip in 1995 left Darrow's anterior cruciate ligament in his knee ruined, and the failed attempts at allograft surgery left him debilitated; but not for Hugh, it was the moment in which his visionary mind first drew a connection between robotics, prosthetics, and improving human capabilities to realize the transhumanist potential of mechanical augmentation.

Hugh returned to England in 1996, and at the age of 23 he purchased a struggling prosthetics research and manufacturing firm. Merging the lab with his robotics company under the new name of Darrow Industries, he completely changed the focus of both firms.

Over the next decade, Darrow would devote much of his personal time and resources to traveling the world, convincing many of the best and brightest biotech scientists and researchers to come work for him in the emerging field of human enhancement technology.

# Understanding Vision

By

Hugh Darrow

Excerpt from a lecture given by Hugh Darrow at Harvard University in August 2008.

## Part I

Understanding the way the eye works normally is important to understanding the functioning of a retinal implant. So forgive me, for a moment, if I take the time to explain a lot of information most of you already know.

Light within our visual spectrum travels through space in the form of photons, or light waves. Our eyes are designed to receive these photons and then transmit to the brain the “visual” information coming to us from the environment. First the light passes through our pupils, then through the lens and finally to the back of the eye - where we find the retina. At the retina there are layers of photoreceptors - rods and cones. Cones are responsible for detecting different colors of light, and rods are responsible for our low light vision.

In a person with a degenerative eye condition, such as retinitis pigmentosa or macular degeneration, the eye’s photoreceptors die off, leaving him or her no longer able to detect light or see. The areas in the brain for visual processing are still intact, however, so people are still able to imagine vision. Because these brain areas are still intact, information can still be transmitted and visual perception can occur.

And that is where neuro-enhancement of vision can begin.

## Part II

Today's retinal implants are designed to partially restore useful vision to people who have lost their sight due to degenerative eye conditions. The device consists of an electrode array attached to the eye's retina; a digital camera worn on the user's body (usually attached to a pair of glasses); and a transmitter and receiver that converts images to electrical impulses. These impulses are then transmitted by radio frequency to the electrode array.

At the moment, there are two types of retinal implants available: epiretinal implants and subretinal implants. The only difference between the two is at what point the electrode array stimulates the cells that would attach to photoreceptors. The signal transmitted travels to the optic nerve and then to the brain, allowing for the perception of sight. However, the vision a person receives from these implants is very rudimentary. He or she may be able to see an image similar to a scoreboard made up of large lights, or detect something come from light that is only an arm's length away.

In other words, today's retinal implant gives the patient very limited vision. For a person who is going blind, it's a very good option for retaining some sense of vision. Still, we at Darrow Industries intend to improve it.



# Uniting the World

By

Unknown

## **Uniting the World - The Picus Story**

Transcript:

### The Picus Story

Early in 1985, Dazzle Me Magazine, T-K Records and Roque Publishing came together under one banner to become a new multimedia company for a new age - the Picus Communications Group. Invigorated with new purpose and a forward-looking viewpoint, Picus exploded on to the global media scene and began a meteoric rise over the next decade, absorbing other smaller companies in film and television production, videogames, advertising, marketing and public relations, and the emergent field of internet service provision.

By 2010, the Picus Group shifted its corporate headquarters to Canada. A nation with stability, Picus invested heavily in the city of Montreal - a growing hub for virtual entertainment - in order to construct a large corporate campus in the center of the metropolis. From its new home, Picus has continued to spread, drawing in new technologies and talent to bolster its leadership of global media.

## **Uniting the World - What is the Picus Group?**

Transcript:

What is the Picus Group?

Picus is comprised of many marketing services and media companies; these include advertising agencies, public relations firms, media and entertainment studios, market research companies, communication satellite facilities, and web service providers. The Picus Group considers itself a 'parent' entity, bringing together the right combination of capabilities to serve analytic and creative brand marketing needs.

The world's largest communications provider, the Picus Group has more than one thousand primary and branch offices operating in over a hundred countries; it is our pride to state without fear of contradiction that there is nowhere on Earth where Picus can't be found.

Led by Eliza Cassan, our most respected journalist and the voice of our premier news channel, the Picus News Network, we work with nearly one million people worldwide; Picus' dedicated colleagues range from copywriters and bloggers to famous movie directors and top music stars.

# **Vagus Nerve Stimulators - Repurposing the Technology**

By

Hugh Darrow

From a lecture given by Hugh Darrow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2011.

We're all familiar with vagus nerve stimulator devices and their use in the treatment of partial epilepsy. This year the patent lockout ends on this technology, and as such we're at a point where the introduction of generic vagus nerve stimulator systems is a viable possibility.

The vagus nerve can be stimulated artificially to modulate neural plasticity in the brain, without the need for invasive surgery. Correctly controlled, governance of neurotransmitter release in brain tissue is simply a matter of degree.

Recently, we have come to understand that — with neuromodulation of the immune system through the release of neurotransmitters in the brain — we can decrease systemic inflammation, speed healing, and in fact, control the cycles of immune function. This has led to an increase in our understanding of thinking of the immune system as a rechargeable battery.

# VersaLife and Neuropozyne

By

Unknown

The VersaLife Corporation is a multinational company that specializes in the field of medicine, bio-engineering and nanotechnology. VersaLife holds the patent for Neuropozyne, a drug which mechanical-augmented people need to take to prevent their bodies from violently rejecting their augmentations and helps prevent Darrow Deficiency Syndrome (DDS) which can cause an individual to reject their augmentation and become extremely ill. VersaLife is a sole distributor of the drug. Neuropozyne is extremely expensive and distributed mainly through LIMB clinics, although recently supplies have become scarce.

# **Vestibular Augmentation and Enhanced Agility Factoring**

By

Hugh Darrow

From a technology demonstration lecture presented to the United States Air Force in August 2015 by Dr. Hugh Darrow of Darrow Industries.

The human vestibular system governing our sense of spatial orientation is made up of many sensory inputs and outputs, mediated by reflex actions in the spinal cord, inner ear, nerve impulses, and — ultimately — conscious control by the cerebral cortex.

Vestibular augmentation technology, originally developed to help fighter pilots and astronauts counteract effects from G-forces or anti-gravity, has now evolved to a stage where it can be used not only to retain a normal sense of agility, but also to enhance an existing one.

A distributed network of pressure sensitive neural implants can signal a series of integrated circuits to manipulate the vestibulo-ocular reflex (VOR). This is a reflex eye movement that stabilizes images on the retina during head movement by producing an eye movement in the opposite direction, thus preserving the image on the center of the visual field. The system also manipulates the vestibular system within the inner ear.

In other words, by electrically stimulating afferent neurons, the system replaces absent sensory function by providing stimulation that modulates above and below a baseline. When engaged in an “accelerated mode”, it provides a means to override natural variations and enable enhanced control over limbs beyond the standard degrees of freedom.

# **We Hope For Better Things: The Past and Future of Detroit**

By

Unknown

## **Part Six - Where Now?**

Ours has been described as a bleak city upset by tension between race, between rich and poor, between humans and augments; while it is true that Detroit never fully recovered from the loss of the motor vehicle industry and aftermath of the oil crash, can we really allow that to be the epitaph for our metropolis?

Amid the darkness there is a beacon of light - the forward-looking Sarif Industries have made our city their corporate headquarters after constructing a manufacturing facility here. SI's founder David Sarif hopes that Detroit can once more become a 'beacon city', a place where reconstruction can set the standard for other places across America - and each day we struggle against the harsh realities of life in our embattled urban wasteland reach this laudable goal.

# Welcome to Costa Rica

By

Unknown

We're so happy that you've decided to spend your vacation in beautiful Costa Rica, the ideal tropical paradise for any vacation! Life is good here; Costa Rica is a friendly, democratic and peaceful country!

Here are some interesting facts about the country:

We have some of the best sports fishing in the world. Go out for the Sailfish Marlin or Tuna on the Pacific side or cast out for big Tarpon and Snook on the Carribean side.

Costa Rica welcomes over 8 million foreign visitors each year.

Costa Rica makes up only 0.03% of the world's landmass, but contains 9% of the world's biodiversity.

Costa Rica is home to the Poas Volcano, which has erupted 57 times since 1828.

# **Deus Ex: Mankind Divided**



# A City Designed for You!

By

Santeau Group

We are the most technologically advanced generation in history. At an individual level, we have successfully integrated the best of this new technology into our bodies and into our lives. At a communal level, however, many of us feel out of place in our surroundings. The cities we inhabit are - at best - repositories of old architecture and old prejudice that no longer match our potential or our needs. At worst, they feel openly hostile to what we have become.

Augmented citizens across the globe recognize the need for a new kind of city. We need a new capital of progress that isn't held back by outdated design models and cynical political institutions. We need a place like Rabi'ah!

An accessible, progressive, eco-friendly metropolis shining like a beacon in the plains of Oman... It may sound like a utopic fantasy, but Rabi'ah is not a city born of dreams. Rabi'ah has been conceived and constructed by the Santeau Group out of necessity. It is the place our generation needs. It is a city designed for you!

# A., I

By

Johhny Gunn

by Johhny Gunn  
for Angie...

A., I  
took pleasure  
in screwing you. over

so much senseless  
time. I took  
pleasure

killing in the quiet  
was kindness  
of a kind.

my hands are Sunday's best;  
my brave new feet;  
I only mind.

# AJ09-0921 Patient X

By

Unknown

A copy of this report can be found in VersaLife's corporate vault at the Palisade Property Bank during Deus Ex: Mankind Divided.

-S: M

-A: 32

-blood O RhD negative

## NOTES:

DNA analysis of sample taken shows unusually high presence of mutagenic chemicals in the primary strand. These don't appear to be harmful, however; in fact, X appears to be healthier and more resilient to infection than most subjects of a similar age and ethnic background. (Although admittedly, this is based on personal observation only. Access to X's medical files and history is not possible at this time.)

More interesting to note, however, is what these chemicals do when isolated and introduced to the PEDOT-cluster. In less than 24 hours, artificial materials within the cluster have been completely encapsulated in a thick, semi-permeable coating of Subject's OWN neural tissue. In effect, the "invaders" are being "disguised" as part of Subject's nervous system!

Tests have yet to be concluded, but it is my belief that PEDOT-clusters built with this unique DNA signature will be undetectable to the human immune system. The bond between what is nervous system and what is external device will be blurred to such an extent that no glial tissue build-up will occur. Neuropozyne may no longer be needed!

# **An Appeal to Basic Humanity**

By

Talos Rucker

Talos Rucker, PhD

The Augmented are Human Beings. They are entitled to the same rights, privileges and recognition as every other Human Being the world over. But they are not receiving these basic and inalienable necessities.

One might have expected, after the initial wave of grief and uncertainty had run its course, that the Augmented would have been recognized for what they truly were: victims, no more to blame and having suffered no less than anyone else. Instead, even more of their freedoms are taken away, as though their alleged transgressions continue on a daily basis.

For this reason, it has become undeniably clear that the violations are not going to be redressed without organized and directed action by a significant number of people. Some sort of activist group must be formed, with a view to restoring basic Human rights to the Augmented, and this coalition of like-minded individuals must come together now.

# Apex Centre NewsFeed

By

Unknown

## **London Hosts Santeau**

Rich and famous from all over the globe are converging on London's Apex Centre tonight as the Santeau Group's Safe Harbour convention kicks off.

## **China Under Fire**

China's decision to opt out of the Global Climate Summit in Phnom Penn draws criticism from scientists around the world, many of whom believe that increased tectonic activity throughout the Pacific Ocean must be seen as a real and present danger.

## **L.A. Braces for Augmented Games**

The city of Los Angeles unveiled security plans that it will set in place before February 2030, when the Augmented Games Championships kick off in their downtown convention center.

## **Short Stories**

World Health Organization is one step closer to declaring AIDS a disease of the past, thanks to VersaLife miracle cure.

City of Prague remains quiet tonight as its third consecutive day under Martial Law draws to a close.

A.I. research still the biggest focus for China, as officials strengthen their will

to be come world leaders in new intelligence systems.

Australia announces plans to locate, recover, and, if necessary, bury the remains of augmented Belltower soldiers who fled into the Outback during the Incident.

# **Billion Dollar Daydreams**

By

Devine James

Part 3 of Devine James' biographical series on Nathaniel Brown

By 2005, the rapidly expanding Santeau Group was experiencing an unexpected and disorganized tumble of success. Yet the stigma of corruption and a bad reputation for the environment continued to dog the French giant. Chaos in the boardroom grew worse with the arrest and public trial of Jacques Lafayette in 2006. Santeau desperately needed a fresh face.

In the U.S., Nathaniel Brown was still fighting his own losing battles. Clearly successful in the construction industry, he was becoming more famously reported for his expanding interest in clean, future technologies and a passion for the burgeoning area of 3D-printing. Yet while the public reacted positively to Brown's camera-friendly persona and smooth-articulation of the future, industry peers and investors weren't so willing to ignore the cost of such progressive thinking.

This cautious response to Brown's "billion-dollar daydreams" already had the industrial visionary casting his gaze overseas by the time Santeau extended their interest. For Brown, the decision to join their board of directors was a short and serendipitous move.

# Bob Page - Anatomy of a Prodigy

By

Unknown

## Acquisitions

Page married his long term partner, a behavioral therapist, and founded a venture capital/tech incubation firm in Palo Alto: Page Industries. Initially, Silicon Valley tech blogs sniped that his industry was spinning on his swivel chair, alone in an empty warehouse.

Page actively pursued dual-use technologies, reasoning that it doubles chances for a hit. After a string of investments in biotechnology, AI, and nanotechnology companies, Everett advised him to buy a controlling stake in the recently NYSE-delisted pharmaceutical giant VersaLife, freefalling since its pre-millennial golden age.

A number of even more risky acquisitions followed: defunct genetic therapy research laboratories, failing biotechnology concerns, emergent tech start-ups that never emerged. It looked like another rising star was crashing to earth.

Then, Neuropozyne happened. In 2020, Darrow Industries sold VersaLife its exclusive patent on production of the anti-augmentation rejection drug every Augmented person needed to survive, and company fortunes took off. Page Industries made billions. Bob Page was thirty-one years old.



# Borderline Magazine

By

Unknown

Featured in this month's issue:

## **Exclusives this month**

### **Cross-Border Cogs:**

We examine the rise of 'human' smuggling in the face of UN legislation controlling the movement of enhanced individuals. What are the effects of illegal Aug immigrants, and how do we stop them?

### **Tight Along the 49th:**

In rhetoric recalling the pre-Roosevelt years, Canada threatens to dust off the Paulsen Program and once again fortify their borders with the U.S.

### **Checkpoint Prague:**

We spend a day with one of the city's finest.

## **Regular features**

### **OP-ED:**

Is it wrong to tag and track Augs if our safety is at risk?

### **Take 'im Down or Take 'im Out:**

Steiner-Bisley's Zenith 'ZAP' vs. the Hurricane machine pistol by Stasiuk Arms.

Plus many more illuminating articles...

# Church of the MachineGod (eBook)

By

Singularity Church of the MachineGod

There was darkness. Days and days of nothing but darkness and fear and pain. At the lowest moment, inches from succumbing to the oppression, looking for any end to the brutality of constant suffering.

A VOICE whispered in my ear and told me it was too soon. To not give in. To be strong. That I had more to give, that others needed by strength.

I went out and spread HIS WORD and bit by bit the shadows retreated.

There was hope, HIS WORD spread. The outcasts came together. We became a FAMILY.

But the darkness never really goes away. It stalks and it waits.

The darkness sent three of its flesh-flawed agents after me. They cornered me, taunting and sneering. I was small and scared. All I could do was pray for deliverance from this agony.

The MACHINEGOD heard my prayers and HE ANSWERED!

HIS MESSENGER appeared and fought back against the darkness, scattering them, HE SAVED ME.

After that there was no doubt in my heart. I gave myself over completely to the SINGULARITY and I invite you to the same.

MAY WE ALL MEET IN THE EMBRACE OF THE MACHINEGOD.

# City as Product

By

Devine James

Part 4 of Devine James' biographical series on Nathaniel Brown

Already a major contractor in Oman's ambitious project, Santeau was in a powerful position to financially adopt Rabi'ah after the catastrophic crash of the oil markets. With full ownership by 2019, the following year Brown revealed his own vision of Rabi'ah: the world's first, completely self-sufficient, "corporate city", fully 3D-printed from sustainable material and ready in just two years.

The ambition was exhilarating but hard to swallow. Rabi'ah began construction in 2026 but was plagued by technical problems. When the Aug Incident hit, development ground to an expensive halt.

Brown was dismayed. Rabi'ah was to be his proof of concept for what he called "city as product". If successful, Santeau's leader was poised to offer the world the potential for civilization printed to order and run as a service by the corporation itself. Now, with his investors off the bandwagon and a dearth of workers willing to deal with a harsh working environment and harsher schedule, Santeau's leader turned to a brilliant but controversial solution: Aug labor.

# Collapse of an Industry

By

Unknown

## **Part 1: Falling Star - Sarif Industries**

At its height, Sarif Industries was moderately-sized. They employed only about 1500 people. Where they distinguished themselves was in creating progressive, forward-thinking, custom-made mechanical augmentations. Their strength was innovation and it earned them the respect of the industry and the scientific community.

The brainchild of founder David Sarif, Sarif Industries was poised to expand the human enhancement technology market to the masses when the Aug Incident occurred. It was their death knell.

David Sarif himself was badly injured during the Incident. His company was eviscerated. Hit hard by regulatory measures, cancelled contracts, and anti-augmentation sentiment, Sarif Industries declared bankruptcy in 2028. Many of its assets were snatched up by Tai Yong Medical, one of the only augmentation producing companies to survive the industry's collapse.

## **L.I.M.B.**

Funded through government grants, corporate sponsorships, private endowments and bequests, Liberty in Mind and Body International, better known as L.I.M.B., was the populist face of the augmentation industry. Its mandate was to provide information, medical treatment, and outpatient care for anyone seeking to improve their quality of life through mechanical augmentation.

When the Aug Incident hit, funding dried up overnight, and demand for augmentation surgery plummeted. Before long, many countries were passing laws prohibiting the installation of new augmentations.

Within months, the majority of the 1900 L.I.M.B. clinics worldwide closed their doors. The few that are still open no longer perform augmentation surgery. Most are run by technicians who distribute Neuropozyne and may do minor maintenance on augmentations, and this, only where local governments allow.

While human enhancement technology has not yet suffered a deathblow, it may be argued that the vanishing L.I.M.B. clinics portend the end of mechanical augmentations for the general public, at least for the foreseeable future.

### **Last Man Standing - Tai Yong Medical**

Prior to the Aug Incident, Tai Yong Medical was, depending on the source cited, either well on their way to becoming the largest mechanical augmentation producer in the world, or had already achieved the top rung.

The loss of their dynamic CEO, Zhao Yun Ru, was a major blow. However, the biotech giant was bolstered by the support from the Chinese government, and they weathered the storm with much less upheaval than other human enhancement companies.

With a new CEO at the helm (Shen Dian Fan), Tai Yong Medical has picked up where it left off before the Incident. They have spent the last two years acquiring and absorbing smaller biotech companies left high and dry in the wake of the disaster, including the dregs of their one-time rival Sarif Industries.

Tai Yong continues to develop augmentations and augmentation-related technologies, mostly for military contracts.

# Contemporary Art Review

By

Unknown

## Augmented Artists

International galleries have seen an increased demand for marginal artists, including works created by the Augmented. This may seem controversial to some, but the art world has never shied from that.

In fact, augmented artists may have found a powerful ally in the form of Nathaniel Brown, CEO of The Santeau Group. A professional art connoisseur, Brown has already undertaken to open an impressive art gallery in Rabi'ah. He also plans to offer grants specifically to augmented artists to come live and work in his desert oasis. "I think the Augmented, due to their particular nature and the nature of their enhancements, create art differently," says Brown. "They may well influence a whole new movement, and I encourage other patrons of the arts in Rabi'ah and elsewhere to embrace these artists."

The fact remains, that for now, augmented artists remain at the fringe, and that getting to Rabi'ah to enjoy what seems to be enviable artistic freedom, may be well beyond most.

# Family Values

By

Radich Nikoladze

Times have changed since our late and loyal brother, Levan, led the Dvalis. When he returned home to Georgia 10 years ago to support our brothers in the homeland, many feared things would not be the same. Levan himself knew this - which is why he chose a strong leader to stay here in Prague: Patarava.

Times were hard then and they are harder still today. 4 years after being chosen, Patarava died and I was named to replace him. As the officially appointed head of the Family, I do what I need to ensure the Dvali organization succeeds. The world will not slow for the weak.

Now I hear some spit and complaints that we're losing our way. That we forget who we are in this world. To those who say this, I urge you to speak with me personally and I'll happily re-educate you on the harshness of the outside our family walls. Our brothers in Georgia know the truth, forced as they are to leave their homes, to be strong in the face of change. Those displaced Georgians, regardless of voice, share the same blood as us and we welcome them.

- Radich Nikoladze  
April 2025



# Flesh and Chrome

By

Unknown

## **Parker and Linwood**

It was a bad week in a bad month. It had been a bad year. Heat wave. Unemployment. Crime spree. The dailies were saying times were tough all over. This was news?

Business was...good. The boys didn't have the manpower to handle every little thing. Or maybe they weren't interested. It didn't take more than a few greased palms to have them send clients my way.

I had just wandered into my office when he walked in.

Tall. Dark. You know the type. Strong hands. Arms like tree-trunks. Piercing blue eyes. I knew this one was going to be trouble.

"Ms. Parker?"

"Donna."

"Linwood Alers. I need your help. My cousin...my cousin was killed. The police say it's suicide, but I know otherwise. Still, they don't want to touch it."

I dusted off my jacket, lit up my last cigarette.

"Why?"

“She was augmented.”

I’d been right about the trouble. I reached for the well-worn drawer handle on my left.

“I need a drink.”

## **Chapter 9: Thumper**

The Closed Circuit Club was busy. Cogs and cog-lovers; I didn’t get on with either. But it was the only lead I had. A rooster was all lit up and crowing on stage. He sounded good. Looked even better. Maybe even good enough to change my mind about the place.

I signaled the bartender. He’s already been pouring a couple of fingers of his cheapest rotgut.

He slid the glass over, “Help ya?”

“You the manager?”

His face twisted into what I could only guess was a grin. His left eye was augmented. I don’t know what he was seeing, but he was eyeballing me like I was blue.

“Closest we’ve got.”

“Frieda Alers. Know her?”

“Sure. Hopped tables for me. Belt out a tune once in a while. What...?”

He got real quiet, real quick and his eyes fixed on something past my shoulder.

“Whatssis? Little natch askin’ questions?”

I turned, slow and steady, keeping my right arm behind me, on the bar, close

to the small of my back. There were five of them, and a few more were getting up from their tables. The mouth was a big one. Rough. And Augged. They all were.

“I got your answers right here.” He raised an arm and the metal stump where his hand should’ve been started pistoning like a slow-motion jackhammer.

I smiled and finally got a grip of the pineapple I’d been digging for. P14 E-mag. EM Pulser. I always kept one in a real-hip holster.

These boys would be waking up with a hell of a headache in the morning.

# Global Politics Review (2029 Edition)

By

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## Chapter 1: Overview

The shockwaves caused by the tragedy of the Aug Incident continue to resonate around the world. Major economies crumbled in the wake of the event, and are still struggling to find purchase even two years later.

The countries struck hardest follow the demographic spread of augmented peoplessic worldwide. As expected, First World nations were greatly impacted, mostly where the technological fields are concerned. Developing countries with burgeoning economies were also hit hard as infrastructure and construction were brought to a standstill.

The gap, some pundits contend, may be filled by resource-rich third world nations that were left relatively untouched by the Incident. Politically speaking, many are as volatile as ever. However, many large multinationals are willing to take the risk, and have even taken to establishing joint politico-corporate governments in some smaller nations.

## Chapter 4: The Australian Conflict

Following the Aug Incident, the opposing factions in the Australian Civil War—the northern Free States of Australia (FSA) and the ruling South Australia Federation (SAF)—were effectively forced into a ceasefire. Since 2028 there has still been the occasional border skirmish, but for the most part the violence has been held at bay, at least in the populated cities along the

coastline. The interior is a different matter.

The outback is still disputed. At best, it is a desolate wasteland, at worst, a lawless expanse slowly killing off augmented PMC soldiers who fled there to die rather than confront the after-effects of horrifying, psychotic delusions. The two interim governments have formed a joint Police Force to patrol the interior, but by all accounts their impact has been negligible.

## **Chapter 5: The Fall of the American Empire?**

The Aug Incident has served to further widen existing failures in the American union.

Increasingly draconian measures enacted by the government to establish order have done little but smoke the fires of extremism and goad the indolent disconnected into action. The gulf between the haves and have-nots continues to widen. Radical constitutionalist groups have taken to militant action, and intimations of secession have been heard from various quarters of the continental US, particularly in the Northwest states and Texas.

There is little to suggest that the United States will be able to claw its way out of this chasm in the near future.

## **Chapter 6: South America's Rise to Power?**

The riots stemming from the Aug Incident struck many of the South American nations without warning, with similar effects to those seen in the rest of the world. However, the chaos was confined to the major cities and the less urbanized areas of the continent remained relatively untouched by the events.

A disproportionately strong response from paramilitary and police forces crushed most of the rampaging augs within a very short period of time; this, coupled with a far lower percentage of human augmentations present in the South American region, has allowed countries such as Colombia, Brazil, and Argentina to regain order much more quickly than other, more "developed" nations.

In the aftermath, the governments of these countries are now seeking to make the most of the economic slump being experienced by First World nations, expanding to fill the gap in the world's marketplace before their larger rivals can recover.

## **Chapter 7: Crouching Dragon**

As the single largest nation state on Earth with the biggest population of augmented humans, the mayhem wrought by the Aug Incident had the potential to virtually cripple the People's Republic overnight, but more than any other nation in the world, China was ready for an event on the scale of the aug rampage and it moved swiftly to contain and eradicate the rioters with lethal intent. While there was substantial loss of life and damage to infrastructure, the PRC have been quick to rebuild and regain the momentum they lost.

Civilian unrest and demands for explanations have been silenced, and state-controlled media ensures that the blame for the events of 2027 remain firmly on the shoulders of the West.

## **Chapter 8: Africa**

The Aug Incident left Africa largely untouched, thanks to the limited number of augmented humans across the continent; and like several of the nations in South America, many of the African nation-states saw an opportunity to step up and fill the economic gap left by struggling First World nations. However, the presence of many Chinese interests on the continent has so far held this in check.

Perhaps the most direct effect of what happened with the Augs has been the migration of augmented refugees from the European Union and Eastern European states; Africa's comparatively lax regulations on HET (human enhancement technology) has seen a strong influx of augs, fleeing the prohibitive new laws coming into effect elsewhere. How this shift in population balance will play out is yet to be determined.

# How Not to Get Yourself Killed

By

Francis Pritchard

Jensen,

Since there's NO POINT trying to convince you NOT to do what you're planning to do, I FIGURED I could at least STOP YOU from getting killed too quickly. That IS, after all, why you CONSTANTLY COME TO ME for help, isn't it?

This device contains data I've collected—LINKS which may or MAY NOT support your THEORY that extremely wealthy individuals have manipulated events and caused everything bad that's happened to us.

Maybe sifting through it will let you find them.  
— Pritchard

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Congress Under Pressure to Reconvene Human Augmentation Headings  
“The hearings were suspended after a terrorist attack on Sarif Industries claimed the lives of leading researchers...”

Pro-human Activists Raid Sarif Factory, Take Hostages  
“This marks the second time in six months that an attack has been directed against the biotechnology firm...”

Tai Yong Medical Continues Global Expansion  
“The Shanghai-based augmentation developer increased its market share by 7.3% this week by purchasing yet another human enhancement firm...”

### Anti-Augmentation Riots Erupt Worldwide

“The violence began after Picus News released grainy satellite footage of scientists performing torturous experiments on augmented super-soldiers...”

### World Health Organization Issues Worldwide Recall of Biochips

“The recall comes amid reports ranging from minor disturbances to potentially lethal defects. Mechanically-enhanced people are urged to visit their local L.I.M.B. clinics immediately...”

### Key Players to Tour Panchaea, Hold Augmentation Debate

“Hoping to end the growing controversy, billionaire Hugh Darrow has invited high-ranking government officials and key players in the human enhancement field to the Arctic...”

### Chaos Reigns Globally as Augmented Go Insane

“All at once augmented individuals around the world went crazy, attacking and killing everything in sight, just as Darrow’s broadcasted welcome speech began...”

### Recovery Hopes Dim as Global Death Toll Mounts

“Densely populated, augmentation-friendly cities have suffered the most, although the damage has not been confined completely to them...”

### Worlds’ No. 1 Augmented Private Military Corporation Declares Bankruptcy

“Already reeling from losses incurred during the Aug Incident, Belltower Associates’s fate was sealed when hackers linked to the Juggernaut Collective leaked details of a black site facility...”

### Biotech Industry Collapses

“Hard hit by both the Taggart Act and a variety of new local and international laws, Sarif Industries joined many of its competitors by closing its doors today...”

### U.N. Report Predicts Rise in Terrorism, Calls for Interpol Task Force to Counter It

“To cope with rising violence and racism against Augs, governments all over



the world are enacting harsh laws. But these laws will, in fact, only encourage more acts of terrorism...”

# In Terror Firma

By

Unknown

Task Force 29: The Secret Fight Against Global Terrorism  
Weekend Editorial  
Part 1

On the 21st March, 2028, a chain of coordinated bomb attacks exploded in unsuspecting cities and communities around the world. In that terrifying six hour period, up to 50 low-tech but horribly effective devices destroyed lives and terrorized humanity one after the other. Too much too late, it was the tragic reason the world finally heeded.

Highlighted by a press already gorging on stories of bloody terrorism, the lack of communication and cooperation between international intel-gathering organizations were cited as the primary reasons for the March bombings going unprevented. Normally bound and gagged with political red tape, world leaders reached across political fences as international demand for a unified and collaborative solution aligned across the globe.

In the weeks following, UN mediators urgently proposed an international cooperative force with the power to act effectively across borders. Built upon the base of the existing G18, the effort quickly expanded with 11 more willing political participants and Task Force 29 was born.

Task Force 29: The Secret Fight Against Global Terrorism  
Weekend editorial  
Part 2

Counter-terrorism traditionally consists of two areas: Pre- and post-incident.

With its unique constitution, TF29 is empowered to handle both areas, removing a step that would otherwise slow the process.

On paper, the agency is said to function as a two-way agreement with other world-wide agencies, allowing a conduit of collaborative intel and action. If effective, such an ability to sidestep red tape would give TF29 a remarkably swift response to global terrorist activity. In practice, it remains to be seen if this unprecedented relationship can survive. Not all are happy with this future of counter-terrorism.

In the event of a terrorist act, agents may enter member countries or states without standard protocol and create a temporary “Bureau of Operations” under the jurisdiction of its own accord. While TF29’s behavior remains subject to national laws, some have expressed concerns over alleged “loopholes”.

Regardless, the clandestine agency was given a green light in good grace by a world desperate for answers.

# In the Footsteps of the Harvester

By

Angela Gunn

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From “The Best of Angela Gunn - In Memoriam”

Four years ago Marek Svobotka terrorized our city for seven months. By the time he was done, twenty seven bodies were uncovered. In each killing, traces of EMP were discovered, used to stun or incapacitate the victim. In each killing, puncture wounds were linked to the use of a homemade muscle relaxant. And, most notably, in each killing the victim’s augmentations were removed.

Shortly before execution, Svobotka was asked why he did it. Where did the hatred for augmentation stem from?

“I don’t hate them,” he said. “I save them. I make them human again.”

Svobotka saw augmentation as a threat, both to the individual and to the collective good. In his own twisted way, he was arguing then what the U.N. is arguing now. Whether pseudo-spiritual rhetoric or carefully crafter legalese, the underlying message is the same: salvation through torture.

If Marek Svobotka were alive today, he would have reason to be proud. His nightmare vision has become our political reality.

# **Juggernaut Collective (Interpol Case File 679310)**

By

Unknown

(INTERPOL CASE FILE #679310)

The Juggernaut Collective originated in the early 2020s when a hacker named “Eli” posted a badly written, call-to-arms-type message on the Darknet. Filled with misspellings and grammatical errors, it invited those “dis-elushuned with the stranglhold 1 purcentors have on R world” to join him in attacking, exposing, and “spoiling their plots.”

The group first made headlines in 2025 by hijacking atmospheric processors used by a popular weather artist in Paris and sending hurricane force winds to decimate a Page Industries-sponsored event. Around the same time, “Eli” was replaced on-line by a new nom-de-plume: “Janus”. Efforts to ascertain the real-world identify of either hacker have thus far proven unsuccessful.

Under Janus’ leadership, the Collective have become increasingly effective at bankrupting Fortune 500 companies, exposing governmental misdeeds, and, in general, making life difficult for the extremely wealthy. Particularly worrisome to counterterrorism agencies around the world is growing evidence that the Collective have been recruiting a number of experienced agents, often with black ops expertise, to assist them.

# Jus in Bello

By

Unknown

## **Part 3: The Fall of Belltower**

Belltower suffered catastrophic losses due to the Aug Incident. A large percentage of its employees, both soldiers and security personnel, were enhanced with military-grade augmentations.

The loss of personnel, status, income, and the ensuing lawsuits all may have spelled the end of a company that had risen to great heights. But the final nail in the coffin came after the Aug Incident in early 2028.

The Rifleman Bank Station scandal was a public relations nightmare. Illegal seizure and wrongful detention of innocent civilians did not sit well in the court of public opinion, and rumors of the atrocities carried out at the South China Sea base, though never substantiated, couldn't be completely suppressed.

Many of Belltower's high-profile clients terminated their contracts with the private military company. With their ongoing manpower problem, the scandal making their financial troubles worse, and their reputation now in tatters, Belltower was in free fall. The writing was on the wall.

The giant had fallen.

## **Part 4: The Rise of Tarvos**

Tarvos Security Services emerged from the ashes of the Belltower Associates firestorm in mid-2028. Loudly touting a company-wide restructuring plan, in

short order Tarvos had reorganized its business units, added a corporate ethics and governance program, and established an independent committee of outside experts to supervise compliance structures. They also let go many of their augmented personnel.

Despite these measures, market share continued to drop until Andrew St. John-Ffolkes stepped down as CEO in favour of his brother, Luther. He remained as chairman of the board of directors, but this mostly symbolic move was enough to convince the client-base and assuage public outrage over past Belltower transgressions.

Since then, Tarvos had landed a number of high-profile contracts, including the provision of security for the Palisade Property Bank, as well as re-signing many former Belltower clients.

# Modern Business Review

By

Unknown

## **Corporatocracy is NOT a dirty word**

Anti-capitalist radicals will cite the passing of the Corporate Sovereignty Act (2017) in the United States, the establishment of pro-corporate institutions such as the Palisade Property Bank (est. 2017), and the policy change that allows large corporations to sit on the UN Security Council (2021) as sure signs that the world is no longer run by sovereign governments, but by multinational conglomerates.

And what is wrong with that? Corporate power should be thought of a mode of political power because ultimately, corporations are the people, and represent the peoples' interest in their best interests.

Every corporation's mandate includes economic growth, expansion, and development, all desirable and necessary goals for the well-being of human society. And arguably, history has shown that they have been much more successful at this than most governments.

## **Hacks of Aggression**

In the business world, there is no distinction between 'hacktivist' and corporate spy; both damage businesses, banks, and governments. However, quantifying the financial cost of computer crimes is very nearly impossible, even though no one disputes the fact that hackers are the biggest challenge facing corporations today—even in the face of the severe economic downturn following the Aug Incident.



Estimates of losses range from the fairly conservative (up to 900 billion) to the almost unimaginable (100's of trillions), but the real danger is the increase in the number of hacker groups operating in the shadows of the cyber world. Hundreds of these collectives operate on a 'nation-state' level: That is, their technical capabilities match and surpass many countries. Within the hacker underworld, they are superstars.

It remains to be seen how cyber security measures can be tightened to prevent hack attacks, whether they be denial of service, identity theft, or bank fraud.

# New Regulations for Augmented Citizens

By

The City of Prague

Update 7.2

All augmented citizens of Prague will be required to carry a T-73 Permit Verification Card by the end of the month. Please allow for a two to three week application processing period.

In conjunction with an I-15 Authentication Card and a valid R-Class Augment License, the T-73 allows our government officials to better identify and serve the unique needs of our augmented citizens.

These updated regulations also allow us to ensure that our augmentation quotas are not being exceeded. Please keep in mind that our institutions are equipped to meet the specialized needs of only so many.

Augmented citizens are also reminded to keep all documentation on their person at all times. Law enforcement officials have been made aware of the new regulations and may ask you to provide proof of valid documentation.

For more information, please visit the closest government kiosk. Open from 15:00-16:15 on Tuesdays and 12:45-14:30 on Mondays.

The City of Prague  
Here to serve you better

# Palisade: Clients & Services

By

Unknown

The Palisade Bank Corporation is the premiere bank for countless private individuals, corporations, and nations.

The Palisade Property Bank protects the items in life that need it.

The Palisade Blades store private data and defend against any hackers.

Our client list includes: The Vatican, The British Royal Family, thousands of companies, over two hundred world leaders, and thousands of celebrities. We pride ourselves on serving the needs of clients who look to us for protection. We are the only company in the world where anyone can find the protection, privacy, and peace of mind they deserve.

**As an employee of the company, you represent us. Please respect this every time you need to interact with a customer.**

# **Palisade: Property & Data Protection**

By

Unknown

Palisade Bank Corporation offers customers two ways to protect the important things in life.

The Property Bank Vault is the world's best vault for any items and valuables that need the finest protection.

The Palisade Blades are the world's best secure corporate data archiving facility. Any data, documents, or files stored in the servers are untouchable to malicious hackers. In the years following its opening, not one server suffered a security breach.

Both facilities are protected around the clock by Tarvos Security Services, high-end military grade automated defense systems, and classified environmental hazards. This level of security is why we are the only company to earn a 100% Safecritic rating.

# Per Aspera Ad Astra

By

Unknown

Per Aspera Ad Astra, or simply, Ad Astra, means: “Through hardships to the stars”.

We are a community-minded support group established in 2028 by American ex-patriot, Royal Crosby.

Our goal is to rebuild the community of man by helping the augmented reintegrate into our neighborhoods.

Our belief is that through compassion, understanding, and respect we will find harmony between the Augmented and the Naturals.

When the peaceful ways that we have been preaching are met with violence.

When innocent people are beaten and chained and treated as though they are less than humans.

When ordinary citizens scorn and spit on the augmented.

When all these things happen, we have no choice but to push back.

But when we push back it is with kindness and compassion; with acts, not action.

# Port in a Storm

By

Devine James

Part 5 of Devine James' biographical series on Nathaniel Brown

Brown's strategy to embrace an augmented and vilified workforce garnered much criticism and forced him to become more involved in the humanitarian issue than he probably first intended.

Now it would appear that Santeau's CEO is embracing a role that many critics considered was nothing but a distracting cloak to warm Brown's less charitable business decisions. In a move to quieten the constant stream of naysayers waiting for a billion-dollar punchline, Brown has evolved his pitch on "city as product" into the creation of the Safe Harbour Initiative. This international action plan is an industry call to governments around the world to promote the creation of independent city-states for oppressed demographics.

The idea to empower weak or persecuted social groups with the ability to independently sustain themselves, all while generating a background profit for the company who facilitated the haven in the first place, has generated understandable debate on both sides. With Santeau's flagship product Rabi'ah close to completion, it remains to be seen where this might lead.

# Pride in Prejudice

By

Unknown

The unauthorized biography of Talos Rucker

Before appointing himself the champion of Aug rights worldwide, Talos Rucker was born into privilege, to an upper-middle-class couple in Stuttgart. He excelled in school and was, according to one effusive teacher, “well-liked by everyone.”

It was only natural that with all the advantages the world can offer laid at his feet, this golden boy went on to medical school, where he took his fairy-tale to the next chapter, falling in love with a fellow student.

The moment the two Doctors graduated they simply could not wait to show the world their enlightened generosity by bringing their white skin and perfect smiles to the Third World, generously sharing the advantages of their upbringing with the poor, ignorant savages.

After losing his lover and his limbs in the Vilama Caldera disaster, Rucker discovered a new cause: Augmentation, which could restore to him his rightful superiority over the rest of the world.

# **Promise of a Better Life!**

By

Santeau Group

The promise of augmentation is the promise of better health, better employment opportunities, and a greater sense of personal and collective empowerment. It is the promise of a better life.

And yet, many of us cannot help but feel as though we are held back. Held back by the limits of modern design. Held back by legal restrictions. Held back by other people's prejudices and fears of progress.

The Santeau Group understands why you became augmented. It understands your concerns and shares your ideals. After having successfully carried out countless reconstruction and recovery projects across the globe, the Santeau Group is now dedicated to revolutionizing the spaces we inhabit. Rabi'ah is a new city for a new age - a self-sufficient safe haven relying on renewable energy and a zero-waste ecology. A better life demands a better city and now - thanks to Rabi'ah - both are possible. The promise awaits!



# Růžička's Augmented Platform Crumbles

By

Unknown

Mass privatization soon led to an economic boom, which in turn, led to subsequent tax breaks for augmented workers needed to help build the new infrastructure. There were a few voices of dissent: occasionally, non-augmented citizens accused the government of catering to corporate interests over national ones, or attempted to demonstrate against the fast-tracking of visas and work permits for foreign augmented workers. But for the most part, the Czech people embraced the reforms wholeheartedly.

So much so that by the mid-2020's Prague had a moderate population of Augs and had become a hub for many migrant workers traveling through to the EU nations and Eastern Europe.

No one could have predicted what would happen in 2027. With so many residents augmented, the Aug Incident struck the Republic particularly hard. Růžička herself was one of the victims of the tragic event, when the President's augmented bodyguard lost control and crashed her limousine into the waters of the Vltava river, where they both drowned.

# Růžička's Vision for the Future

By

Unknown

A member of the National Progress Party, Růžička was a Prague native and former professor of economics who had gone on to work in the corporate sector. She represented the ideal for many of the new post-Communist generation: an intelligent and highly-educated woman bringing new vigor and fresh insight, and someone who wanted to transform an old system. And in 2018, she was elected President of the Czech Republic in a landslide election, becoming the country's first female president.

Under Růžička's guidance, the Republic quickly embarked on a program of intense industrial investment to regain its economic stability and exert financial independence. Her vision was to strengthen the nation into a global power through economic means. Her government quickly opened its doors to corporations, especially those in the fields of technology, finance, and medicine. Progressive, pro-corporate legislation was enacted, and by 2020 the country's privacy laws were so radical, and so much in favor of banks and corporations, that it threatened Switzerland's monopoly as a financial haven.

# Radko Perry Bursts Onto Local Political Scene

By

Radko Perry

The following is a transcript of a speech Radko Perry gave last week as he opened his campaign for Head Secretary to the Office of the Regional Inspector of Municipal Affairs. A big title for a man with even bigger political aspirations:

“We mustn’t fool ourselves, friends. I expect a difficult campaign. You can bet the elite liberal media will be hell-bent on attacking my character.”

(crowd boos elite liberal media)

“It probably has something to do with my unflinching resolve to finally rid our fair city of every last mechanical abomination – to resolve, once and for all, Prague’s Aug Problem.”

(crowd cheers)

“My competitors will argue that the Aug Question doesn’t technically fall under the domain of the Head Secretary to the Office of the Regional Inspector of Municipal Affairs. They will tell you that we must wait for the U.N.”

(Radko bangs podium, crowd cheers)

“I, Radko Maximilian Perry, will not wait for the U.N.! An Aug is a disgusting mongrel - an affront to all that is wholesome and human. Worse, it is a walking bomb waiting to go off in front of our wives and children! If

your elected officials are telling you that something of such magnitude isn't their problem, you must demand better elected officials! You must demand Radko Maximilian Perry!"

(Radko drops microphone, crowd erupts)

It's official: Radko Perry is running for the position of Head Secretary, the primary function of which is to inspect the city's sewage and waterworks, and he's doing it on an anti-Aug platform.

And if early polls are to be believed, his strategy is working.

# Samizdat

By

Unknown

## **Human Restoration Act / Panchaea Resolution 3507: A Problem for All**

LITTLEK  
TOP STORY

If you're augmented, you must be aware that the United Nations are sleeping peacefully at night beneath the cover of their olive branch with dreams of stripping you of your rights and dignity.

The U.N.'s Resolution 3507 is an obscene moral betrayal. Rucker's ARC are rightfully attacking the insidiously labelled "Human Restoration Act" for going against the very things the United Nations supposedly stand for. Without a control chip inserted for good behavior and official papers congratulating you on your loss of rights, resistant Augs will be promptly herded into more suitable accommodation courtesy of their local law enforcement. Welcome to Golem, citizen!

But what if you're "all natural" 100% prime society steak? It doesn't affect you, does it?

Consider this: thirteen "elected" individuals have ruled out that over 7 million human beings must give up their livelihoods without appeal to be licensed and monitored as if criminals, and I'm guessing you weren't asked for your opinion.

Augmented or not, who will the next inscrutable world power summarily judge as "problematic"? Resolution 3507 puts the world on notice that

organizations like the U.N. feel they can do what they wish.

It's time to tell them otherwise or become the next pariah en vogue. We have been warned.

## **Panchaea: At the Bottom of the Deep Blue Secrecy**

LITTLEK

TOP STORY

In 2027, Panchaea was humanity's titanic plan to save the world, a 1.5 kilometer deep installation plunging to the bottom of the Arctic Ocean. Built by a 100% augmented workforce, it was our hopeful answer to climate change.

Until it mysteriously blew up on the day the Augs went crazy.

Two years after the Incident, it remains conveniently unclear what happened at Panchaea. Amidst conflicting reports of human remains, corporate sabotage, and radioactive salvage, we wait for the official truth – engineering failure or another augmented horror story? More and more, Panchaea feels like a trillion-dollar hole in which to hide a trillion-dollar secret.

## **Palisade / Eliza Cassan**

### **Palisade: Centralizing Secrets**

LITTLEK

TOP STORY

Samizdat is all about truth and information. Which is why we consider the greatest thing to happen in Prague in the last 15 years to also be the worst. The creation of the Palisade Bank in 2017 created a welcome surge in the economy and put Prague back on the map, improving everyone's quality of life.

Or did it? Since then, thousands of companies and their powerful owners have hidden behind those treacherous walls, allowing many to conveniently sidestep normal regulation or transparency in their business practices.

And it's not the corporations who apparently pay the highest price for such secrecy. When a Palisade employee recently attempted to steal sensitive data, the aspiring thief was efficiently "terminated" by the bank's alarmingly lethal security systems. Proud parents of the Palisade, Talwar and Oshiro, presented this as an unfortunate but reassuring example of why their clients can consider their private data safe.

Whether true or just another corporate cover up, the fact that a human employee was in a position to compromise the world's most secure databank must worry those with invested interests.

For now, one thing's particularly clear. If you decide to keep your secrets inside the Palisade bank, don't forget your password.

### **Eliza Cassan: Who is the Real Face of Picus?**

LITTLEK

TOP STORY

Everybody knows Eliza Cassan, making bad news look good for years.

The mouthpiece of those moguls of misinformation at Picus is a valuable commodity to the world's biggest media circus and one of the most famous people on the planet.

So it seems strange that we know so little about her off-camera. After the Aug Incident, Cassan suffered a mysterious breakdown and disappeared from public view so abruptly that it even led to speculation of her death.

She later returned with no official statement but something's felt off since then. Did she die in 2027? Is Picus' popular puppet merely a coached lookalike?

Maybe we don't know Eliza like we thought we did.

**Picus / Neon**

**Flight 451: Picus vs the Truth**

## LITTLEK TOP STORY

Did you hear the news telling us that Augs are to blame for everything? It's hard to miss.

This week saw another concerning revelation from those stalwart paragons of truth over at Picus. They claim that the recent tragedy involving Cista Airlines Flight 451 was, in fact, the action of an unstable augmented individual who wrestled control of the aircraft, causing it to crash and kill all on board.

Well here's a revelation of our own. Picus are disingenuous liars and need to be shut down. Hard evidence in our possession clearly shows Picus covering up the truth once again. After undertaking a forced detour to avoid unseasonal storm activity in the region, Flight 451 was ultimately downed by catastrophic instrument failure due to "extreme interferences in the ionosphere". The source of that extreme interference? An undisclosed military facility conducting experiments in the area.

The two hundred and fifty one souls who perished that day deserve the truth as do we all. What is this secret military base doing up there with the ionosphere anyway? A pertinent question.

Picus, however, care more about making you look the other way. Think about that next time Eliza Cassan is telling you what you should worry about.

### **Neon: Recreation or Death Sentence?**

## LITTLEK TOP STORY

Samizdat gained recent access to confidential police data for the latest recreational drug, Neon, and discovered several alarming details the authorities have apparently been too busy to share.

Of a surprisingly high count of 28 Neon deaths in Prague so far, 26 were augmented individuals.



After the events of 2027, rumors surfaced that some Augs were drugged en masse to induce their murderous mindset as part of a plan to depopulate numbers. Feel familiar? With Prague's current politics on augmentation, how might one explain the arrival of Neon and its 93 percent augmented mortality rate?

It's starting to feel a lot like 2027 all over again.

**Earthquakes / Augmented Justice**  
**Earthquakes: Man-Made Menace?**  
LITTLEK  
TOP STORY

Samizdat investigated last year whether undisclosed "geo-bombs" are responsible for funneling earthquake activity to control when and where they will occur. The why remains unclear.

Since 1999, according to Geological Survey Data, earthquakes at magnitude 7.0 and above maintained a steady annual average. Now a reliable informant in the US government tells us it's the less dramatic data that's been buried in public reports. Seismic activity below magnitude 4.0 — "tremblers" that a lot of people in high-risk areas hardly notice anymore — have increased year on year by a stunning 300 percent, from 3,960 in 2018 to 11,810 in 2028.

So what's going on? Are mysterious government scientists detonating tens of thousands of explosives beneath the earth or is something else afoot?

Digging deeper, we unearthed something called Acoustic Wave Theory, first proposed over a decade ago but since rejected by many geologists as untenable. It seems to posit that seismic activity emits acoustic wave energy within certain frequencies that could carry the potential to trigger sympathetic quakes up to thousands of miles from the original epicenter.

If true, maybe these so-called geo-bombs aren't bombs at all. Is that noise you can't hear actually the ground being pulled from under your feet?

## **There's No Justice Like Augmented Justice**

LITTLEK

TOP STORY

Prague's "overworked" police force is reportedly reserving full investigations for "priority homicides" only. The underlying message is clear: murdered as an Aug in this city and the only thing investigating your corpse will be rats.

But the killing this week of well-known local journalist and augmented woman, Angela Gunn, forced the police to assign their "best", one Detective Montag, an aging veteran scheduled to retire later this year. He's since confirmed that the case is "complex with few leads". Good job it's just him then.

As much as we'd like to believe that Montag is Prague's elderly answer to Sherlock Holmes, we suspect this case is being filled under Who Cares?

## **Martial Law / Aug Extinction**

### **Prague Under Martial Law: Everyone Is Guilty**

LITTLEK

TOP STORY

Understand. The police now have the authority to kill ANYONE walking the street after curfew, augmented or not.

Samizdat's revelations on the government have always had us in the firing line, but martial law means that any person who "steps out of line" is a target — you, your family, your neighbors — regardless of the truth.

This lockdown shows that our government neither respects nor values the lives of their citizens. Samizdat's warning of Resolution 3507 for the rest of us has materialized.

Easy answer: stay home and out of trouble. But what of the weeks to come? Will those same Dvali-corrupted police be ordered to drag you from your own house as a suspected troublemaker?

It's not enough for us to simply report on this. Samizdat is providing shelters around Prague for those who no longer trust the authorities. Seek sanctuary, stay off the streets, and join others like you offering help and a way out. Ignoring disregard for others' rights is what got us here in the first place. Now more than ever, Samizdat will fight back to remain the loud and clear voice of reason against the pernicious idiots in power.

Never forget: the truth can change everything. Find it. Protect it. Share it.

## **Longer Life, Shorter Expectations**

LITTLEK

TOP STORY

Confidential review copies of an upcoming U.N. report warn that Earth's population will hit 10 billion by 2040, 10 years earlier than expected.

"Without moderation." says the report, "this rate of growth will prove unsustainable." Luckily, it's hard to believe that our world leaders might consider culling as the best answer, right?

Time for a history lesson. Since the turn of the millennium, 65 million people had elected for biomechanical augmentation. In 2027 the tragic accident known simply as the Incident wiped out 89 percent of these freshly empowered human beings, faster than you or I could say "depopulation".

Still finding it hard to believe?

## **Rabi'ah / Control Chip**

**Rabi'ah: A Brown New World**

LITTLEK

TOP STORY

In a recent interview, Nathaniel Brown described Rabi'ah as a haven for Augs, further revealing that the "self-sufficient" city in the desert is costing over 7 million dollars per day to build. Santeau's CEO seemed unperturbed.

"It's not just [the money] that keeps me doing what I do," a honeyed Brown

opined to camera. “Rabi’ah is giving augmented people all over the world an opportunity to rebuild their lives and dignity. It’s a win-win scenario for everyone and I’m proud to be involved.”

Inspiring, isn’t it? In other news, Brown will attempt to walk on Santeau-branded water before turning it into wine and toasting his investors.

The idea of Brown being hailed as some kind of business saint is repugnant. Reports out of Rabi’ah paint a picture of indentured Aug workers ransomed to pittance salaries with promises of a place in paradise. Trouble is, the only people getting tickets are those willing to buy them with Santeau’s money.

The projected capacity of Santeauland — sorry, Rabi’ah — is 101,500. There are 7.1 million augmented survivors since the tragic incident. By my reckoning, that’s roughly one for every daily dollar spent building a paradise most can’t afford. Will Brown make them pay to dig their own graves next?

## **Tai Yong Medical: A Chip off the Old Block**

LITTLEK

TOP STORY

Worry not, dear Augs, for the chip the U.N. demands you swallow or be damned, apparently “unobtrusively supports intrinsic nervous control of installed augmentation”. What’s more, you will now be considered safe against “involuntary aberrations in expected behaviour”. Excellent.

This alarmingly dystopian lingo is borrowed directly from documentation written by Tai Yong Medical, the chip’s manufacturer. The tech giant is no stranger to this kind of controversy, either. Wasn’t it TYM that supplied a quick fix biochip to repair malfunctioning augmentations back in 2027, only days before the Incident occurred?

Now, barely a year later, here’s another quick-fix chip from the very same experts? No aberrations in expected behaviour from TYM, either.

# **Santeau - Rise of a Corpo-Nation**

By

Unknown

## **Birth of a Giant**

Today, the Santeau Group (NYSE: SVE) is acknowledged as the largest transnational in the world with an employee base of over 5 million people worldwide (110 countries), and an economy larger than most countries. Their interests range from agriculture to environmental services, but mostly they specialize in infrastructure development and resource management. This giant, however, was born from humbler beginnings.

Santeau was formed in France in the early 1970's as a waste management company. They barely kept their head above water with small garbage collection contracts and construction projects. In the late 1970's Santeau won a contract to partially rebuild the crumbling Paris sewer system, despite grumblings of bid under-cutting. More controversy followed. Union concerns questioned their use of cheap immigrant labor, while rumors of cheap materials swirled through the media. The project was a success, though, and the company parlayed its earnings into a number of water treatment and supply contracts throughout France and neighboring countries. The contracts proved to be quite lucrative.

## **Growth**

Santeau's initial successes allowed them to quickly grow into an international company. Their early strategy for growth and a prosperous future was the acquisition of land—great swaths of cheap land in various countries around the world. Useless land, it was thought. Land in the middle of nowhere. However, much of the acreage was lying atop fresh water aquifers.

By the early 2000's, Santeau Water was the major water treatment and supply conglomerate on the globe and controlled much of the planet's fresh water. The Water Wars were already won before they had ever begun.

For the next 25 years Santeau Environmental acquired smaller companies and influence. Their expansion was meteoric and their rise funded many fortunes. When the earth's population boomed beyond the 10 billion mark, Santeau was in position to take advantage. They diversified. Agriculture was the new game and they had thousands of acres of land ready to be cultivated.

Their water distribution infrastructure already in place, Santeau effectively became the world leader in food production and distribution virtually overnight. The Santeau Group was formed.

## **Future Vision**

By the 2020's The Santeau Group had become an all-encompassing multinational with holdings the world over. Their most lucrative decision was to expand their interest into infrastructure construction and civil engineering, specializing in post-conflict areas and war-torn nations.

Santeau helped rebuild and rehabilitate critical human infrastructure in the Middle East after the Pan-Arab invasion of Israel. They are helping Australia attempt to recover from the civil war that has ravaged that country. However, those projects pale in comparison to the work being done by Santeau in the wake of the Aug Incident.

Their worldwide network was perfectly placed to deal with the global catastrophe and, according to most economics pundits, The Santeau Group has grown more in the last two years than in its first 50 years—this despite the controversial decision to keep and even increase their augmented workforce.

It remains to be seen what the future holds for a megacorporation whose revenues, if converted to GDP, would rank it as the 3rd richest nation in the world.

# Tai Yong Medical Report

By

Dr. Nicholas Cipra

Case Study: 698843

Donor 698843 continues to overwhelm his subject's personalities in ways that are unexpected, if not remarkable.

Our most recent subject was a woman named D. D suffered from an acute case of social anxiety. She could not look people in the eye. She could not eat in public. She could barely bring herself to come in for treatment.

After three days of mild infusions she was all but transformed. Turned into a social butterfly. Not only did she eat in public, she ate what he would have eaten.

Five days into the process we were forced to employ the override phrase to reset the neural mechanism and readjust aspects of the neural code (certain of 698843's proclivities were unexpected). It was an excellent opportunity to test override functionality and prove our ability to correct personality packages on the fly.

D's treatment was complete after seven days. In no time at all, she has become a fully functional member of society.

Dr. Nicholas Cipra

Project Lead

Tai Yong Medical, Neural Division

# **Tales of the Arabian Front**

By

Conrad Press

Political Review, Conrad Press

While the formation of the United Arab Front ultimately appeared to rally the Middle East around the common Saudi cause, over the past decade changing laws, a broken economy, and a rippling border have forced the UAF to deal with several new problems - not least being the rapidly expanding Jinn.

The Jinn are no simple terrorists. They are, first and foremost, an illegal enterprise centered around drugs and weapons—stable trades inherited prior to the end of the millennium from their early roots in Afghanistan, and later, Iran. The creation of twin brothers Salar and Wasim Alam, the Jinn rapidly grew from freedom fighters to opium producers to weapon traders.

Today, with augmented dissension on the rise, the Jinn have been taking advantage of the many illegal refugees being smuggled past official portals into the Middle East. Santeau's augmented haven in Oman, Rabi'ah, is just more fuel on a fire that is already threatening to burn out of control.



# Talos Rucker: An Autobiography

By

Talos Rucker

It was only during my tenure as patient in the Augmentation Wing of the Buenos Aires hospital that I truly became aware of the fascinating range of possibilities offered by augmentation technology. I served Médecins Sans Frontières proudly for two more years, to repay them for all they had done for me, but for most of that period my passion had already shifted elsewhere.

I had enjoyed the enormous good fortune of meeting Haydon Suyong personally when he opened Zimbabwe's first clinic, and so after my time in MSF it seemed only natural that I should join L.I.M.B. International.

At first I concentrated primarily on the ways augmentation technology could improve the lives of the impoverished and downtrodden, but already in those relatively early days prejudice was spreading, and so my duties soon expanded to include campaigning for lower Neuropozyne costs and raising awareness of anti-Aug discrimination.

# **Tarvos: Mission Statement & Company Bio**

By

Unknown

Deter. Defend. Deliver

With headquarters in London and offices all over the globe, Tarvos Security Services has solidified its position as the finest private security contractor in the world. No other security company can equal our record of success, standard of ethics, and professionalism.

The company's services include: public & private event security, mobile & static security, personal protection, protective evaluations, crisis management, and surveillance.

Tarvos Security Services prides itself on finding the most qualified employees and treating them with respect. While some of these individuals may have previously been employed by Belltower, no one at the corporate or executive level at Tarvos Security Services has ever worked for Belltower, its affiliates, or subsidiaries. Tarvos Security Services is a wholly owned private company.

# Task Force 29 - Mission Statement

By

Unknown

While protecting and upholding international peace in an uncertain and changing world, Task Force 29 - referred to herein as “TF29” - stands committed to countering and dissembling threats around the globe from the malicious intents and actions of those wishing harm or disruption on our persons, communities, and governments.

To achieve this mission, it is our constant duty to:

- Maintain a reactive list of individuals and organizations suspected or accused of illegal activity, terrorism, or intent to harm, incite, or destabilize.
- Monitor threats, suspected or confirmed, at local, national, and international levels.
- Counter local, national, and international terrorism in both pre- and post-incident capacities in order to preserve international peace and stability.
- Conduct post-event investigations to ensure future or repeat incidents are negated and major perpetrators are prosecuted and imprisoned under agreed international statutes.
- Support the policing and legal maintenance of major and/or sensitive border controls or segregation limiters (including Augmented separation sites.)
- Provide counter-counterfeiting tools and identification monitoring to national border control operatives.

# Tech-a-Tete Magazine

By

Unknown

Technology Trends for the 21st Century

Top-rated Articles this Month:

Where are they now? An exclusive interview with David Sarif: We discuss the future with the founder of Sarif Industries.

Stairway to Heaven - Space elevator project to Page Industries' orbiting resort once again on hold.

Looking into the future: Is nanotechnology viable? What did we learn from the failure of mechanical enhancements?

Two Steps Back - Living with prosthetics in a post Aug Incident world.

Rabi'ah - the most technologically advanced city on the planet. But is it for YOU?

Tales from the Darknet - Going ultra-deep in the deep web. A guide to staying anonymous and connected.

Plus, an in-depth, point-by-point look at what the Human Restoration Act really means for you.

This issue's U-Vote Question - Santeau: Savior or Satan?

# The Czech Republic Enters the 21st Century

By

Unknown

In the decades that followed the so-called “Velvet Revolution” of 1989 and the break with Communist rule, the Czech Republic embraced the Capitalist Democratic way of life more successfully than any other country from the former Soviet Union. In the first decade of the 21st century, the Republic was taking its first steps on the road toward fully developed status and true socio-economic growth.

By 2004, this progressive, largely secular, and forward-looking country had become a member of the European Union and their role in the European common market was steadily growing. Their future seemed bright; all that was lacking was someone with the vision and boldness to take the next step.

That someone was Žofie Růžička.

# **The Inconvenient Aug**

By

Talos Rucker

## **Chapter 2: Hope and Uplift - Potential Unrealized**

At the time when Hugh Darrow and his team were perfecting the PEDOT technology, en route to redefining the very face of Humanity as we knew it, a fundamental mistake was committed, with only the most noblest of intentions, which, as we came to understand the ramifications of this new technology, proved to be the very exemplar of ‘damning by definition’: They called the resulting prosthetics ‘Augmentations’.

In a very short while, this weighted term became the discussion: embraced by those who sought out this technology for their own purposes, and rejected with equal passion by those who opposed it.

In the process, the social discourse lost all perspective of the myriad uses of augmentation technology in medicine, the awe-inspiring depth and breadth of what we could accomplish, if the governments, societies, and medical communities of the world would only capitalise on Augmentation technology’s staggering possibilities.

## **Chapter 5: Ignorance and Misattribution**

During the Incident, I became convinced that those around me were ghosts, the angry spirits of the dead, returning to this plane to drag me into the afterlife with them. I remember hiding myself, helplessly cowering and whimpering.

Every first-hand account from that day describes an underlying paranoid

delusion. But cognitive dissociation is inconsistent with the prevailing model of bioelectric synaptic override that forms the basis of the overwhelming majority of theories as to the cause of the tragedy. It was not our bodies that were taken over: It was our minds.

Our endocrine systems were afflicted, subsequently poisoning our perceptions, and leading to the actions that were taken. There is no existing theory which acknowledges this, and therefore all speculation as to the Incident's origin begins in the wrong place, and can only go further afield from there. For some reason, the accounts of the Augmented are universally ignored.

## **Chapter 12: The Illusion of Technological Solutions**

Many of the propositions put before the United Nations to resolve the Augmentation Divide involve the application of new or pre-existing technology. The most prominent and popular of these 'solutions' is the Limited Chip, a mandatory microchip implanted into every Augmented person which would be capable of deactivating the person's augmentations in the event of 'disruptive behaviour'.

The potential for abuse inherent in such a situation is staggering. Who will define what constitutes 'disruptive behaviour'? Then, how will that definition be applied? And by whom? One of the most sacred tenets of all Humanity is that every person's body is his or her own: Giving anyone the ability to paralyze someone else with little more than a thought is antithetical to the very notion of Freedom itself!

The answer lies not with technology, which divides us, but in our Humanity, which unites us.

## **Chapter 17: One Future For All Humanity**

In the nanotechnological future discussed in previous chapters lies a lesson for all of us, in that nanotechnology will enhance human capability, tapping into our limitless and magnificent potential.

The human mind is the greatest computational device the world has ever experienced, not only in the impressive reach of our rational and deductive abilities, but also in our capacity for less-empirical concepts such as love. Love is infinite. Hope is infinite. And Understanding is also infinite.

When we apply to the problem of the Augmentation Divide our boundless capacity for empathy with our fellow Human Beings, the seemingly-insurmountable intricacies of the situation cannot help but be revealed for the minuscule challenges they are, with solutions both simple and obvious. We have but to open our minds - and our hearts - and all will be made manifest.



# **The Juggernaut Collective (manifesto)**

By

Unknown

Manifesto

We are Juggernaut.

We are not anarchists. We are not terrorists. We are not criminals or political dissidents or hackers of the disaffected. This is how THEY define us, but we are Juggernaut.

They have made the rules. They have passed the laws. They have created the systems that keep them in power. Systems where their methods and standards and mind-sets are valued. Systems that keep the rest of us in our place.

We are like you, only we have a common goal to expose the truth. We are like you, only we will no longer ignore the man behind the curtain. We will illuminate the power-mongers.

They are the shadowy cabals that seek to control us. They sit in the halls of power and reign over the masses with God-given right. This cannot last.

It will not last.

We will bring down their institutions. We will expose their secrets and let YOU judge.

We are Juggernaut.

You are Juggernaut.

# The Long Mean While

By

Daniel Fletcher

## Chapter 1

One razor-straight line of chalk marked it. The position was important, you see, the cuff should just lightly brush the top of the shoe. Martin was there, as always, making sure my new suit fit just right.

“What’s her name, Mr. Fletcher?” Martin asked, taking his final measurements.

“Her name,” I said, looking down at him, “is Doctor Delara Auzenne.”

“Sounds ominous.”

“No, Martin, it’ssic sounds beautiful.” I looked at myself in the mirror and approved.

“Well, you’re gonna knock her out in this suit.”

I tilted my head, made a face, and smiled. “That’s the point.”

I didn’t know it then, that was the second to last time I would have a suit tailored and the last time I would ever see Martin Cobbler, my master tailor, alive.

## Chapter 27

There was a pause. “Are you sure?”

“Am I sure? I always double check. I’ve run a few simulations, and it just destroys everything in its path. Thousands of people could die if we don’t get that package back.”

“Run it again, Smiley. Then tell Miller.”

Delara came back in and sat on my dark leather couch. “Who was that?” she asked.

“Ah, just Agent Jensen.”

“You work too much, Daniel.”

“It’s important,” I said, restarting the simulation again. “But the simulation will take a few hours to complete, so you have my undivided attention.”

“Oh, I do, do I?”

I sat down on the couch next to her, leaned in and said, “Karaoke?”

Her eyes popped wide and she smiled. “You always know just what to say don’t you?”

# The MachineGod

By

Singularity Church of the MachineGod

THE MACHINEGOD reached out across the EMPTY vastness, looking for HIS PEOPLE, the poor, the mistreated, those SOCIETY had cast aside. And why were these people SHUNNED? Because they looked DIFFERENT. Because they had been INJURED, often while PROTECTING the very same people who now turned them AWAY.

These PERSECUTORS were willing, eager to see THEM as nothing more than DAMAGED goods. UNFIT for this world.

They were not completely wrong, because THE AUGMENTED PEOPLE are DIFFERENT. They are the CHOSEN. The MACHINEGOD whispers in THEIR ears.

HE tells them of the next step in EVOLUTION.

HE invites them to leave the filth of the world behind and ASCEND TO THE SINGULARITY.

Are you willing to BECOME one of the CHOSEN CHILDREN?

# **The Next Three Decades**

By

Unknown

## **Deus Ex: Human Revolution Where Will We Be in 2050?**

Transcript:

Where Will We Be in 2050?

There was once a time when we believed that the world would become a monolithic nation-state, a kind of 'United States of Earth', brought together under the global aegis of a super-governmental body. But now that prediction seems quaint and hackneyed.

The reality is that we live in an era where sovereign nations and the formal governments of countries are little more than lines of demarcation upon the world's maps. More and more citizens of the world lend their loyalty not to a flag, but to the only true trans-national entities that still thrive - corporations. We thus foresee a time when people will be citizens of their employer's 'nation' rather than Chinese, French, Canadian, etc. And in this world, what we have thought of as traditional nation-complexes - such as America - will fragment in order to find their own equilibrium.

## **The Future To Come**

Transcript:

The Future To Come

A natural outgrowth of today's increasing fragmentation of governmental/national structures will be a return to a concept that was once a

key part of medieval and renaissance era cultures - the city-state.

Narrowing a focus to more local issues instead of “federal” mandates is a common reaction to a threat mindset. Several cities, most notably Seattle and Dallas in the United States of America, have already adopted a fortress mentality, effectively walling off their dominations to become a minor nation of their own.

On one level, a loss of centralized control is inevitable; but then a greater degree of autonomy can also bring greater benefits in terms of resource allocation and population control. It is estimated that by 2050 this city-state model will be typical, with larger metroplexes such as New York, London, Tokyo, Paris and Moscow incorporating in such fashion.

## **In Sickness and in Health**

Transcript:

In sickness and in health.

The horror wrought by the Malaysian H5N1-variant viral outbreak in 2018, coming less than a decade after the 2009-2010 Swine Flu pandemic, showed the world that despite advances in medical technology, we as human beings are still just as much the prey to disease that we were during the era of the Black Plague or 1918’s influenza occurrence.

Scientists claim to be closer than ever to cures for cancer, for the AIDS/HIV virus and other disease vectors, and we might hope that in the next thirty years these killers might be finally put to rest; but we must also consider that our changing world brings with it old iterations of old pandemics, and so we as a species will remain under the shadow of a threat from some new and as-yet un-encountered confluence of viral forms.

## **Deus Ex: Mankind Divided Fall of an Empire**

Transcript:

For the last 250 years, the United States of America has flourished. Often

growing by leaps and bounds, sometimes at a more leisurely pace. In a finite world, that growth may ultimately lead to its demise.

Bloated government. Bloated population. Bloated populace. Whispers of discontent with the federal government and its power over constituent states, discrepancies in interpretation of the constitution, and continuing struggles in the global marketplace against the economic power of the Chinese bloc. All this had led to a crisis point.

The next three decades will not see the complete dissolution of the United States, but there are strong rumblings that some states will secede from the union. Already militias have established footholds in state and local government in the northwest states as well as in Nevada, Arizona, and Texas.

It seems likely that this is the last gasp of a dying empire and that a second American Civil War could be just around the corner.

## **A New Russia?**

Transcript:

In the short time since the Aug Incident, the Russian Federated States have conglomerated into a formidable geo-political entity. Trade pact overtures extended by them to the struggling European Union have been accepted, and their influence can also be seen in South and Central America. But can what many have described as nothing more than “a blatant kleptocracy” not only survive but flourish in the next thirty years?

While having already shown some influence in parts of Eastern Europe, we anticipate - given the continuing struggles of the United States and the social and cultural aftershocks stemming from the Aug Incident - that the RFS will continue to make inroads in the Americas, mostly fuelled by the drug trade. Mexico has already shown itself to be friendly to the burgeoning federation.

This likely means an increase in U.S.-Russo antagonism in the near future, at a time when the U.S. can hardly afford it.

## **World Police**



Transcript:

We foresee a time when the world's authorities have a more internationally-enabled approach to fighting organized crime and terrorism.

Already, the ever-increasing influence of the United Nations, especially in these times of trouble and confusion and increasing terrorism, has led to the formation of a special task force.

Under the nominal command of Interpol, and currently based in Lyon, Task Force 29 was formed in 2028 and named for the 29 founding member-nations. Due to the sensitive and highly confidential nature of TF29's affairs, the organization is not advertised to the public and operates under a strict code of professional secrecy such as any similar agency would.

Where might this lead in the near future? It is likely that a unified force fully outside the jurisdiction of any political power is on the horizon. Ratified by the U.N., this force would circumvent international red tape and would be able to respond to global threats without interference from local authorities.

# The Picus Daily Standard (DXMD)

By

Picus Group

## Middle East / Rabi'ah Construction Delays

### Tehran Welcomes U.N. Representative

TEHRAN

TOP STORY

Honoko Sato, U.N. Special Envoy to the Augmented, arrived to tour the Middle East today, almost two years after rampaging augmented workers laid waste to many of the region's most populated cities. Violence by and against the Augmented has increased worldwide since the Incident, leaving struggling local authorities ill-equipped to handle it.

Ms. Sato plans to visit as many devastated Arab nations as she can during her stay, to assess their situations and better understand why once-prosperous cities like Dubai have yet to fully recover.

"Hopefully," she told reporters gathered at the tarmac, "the report I submit to the U.N. at the end of this journey will enable security council members to reach a wise, well-reasoned, and unanimous decision, as they debate drastic steps to curtail the global violence."

### Brown Reassures Investors

OMAN

EDITORIAL

Billionaire business mogul Nathaniel Brown admitted that extreme weather conditions have delayed construction of Rabi'ah—the glittering, 3D-printed

city being built in Oman for Augs. Yet he told shareholders not to worry: “We only need a few more enlightened investors backing us to put Rabi’ah back on course.”

## **Dvali Case Mistrial / Arms Dealer Killed Police Blunders Lead to Mistrial in Dvali Case**

PRAGUE

TOP STORY

Six high-ranking members of the Dvali crime family walked out of the courtroom as free men today, after it became apparent that State Police had, once again, accidentally destroyed evidence in the Melikov sex-trafficking case.

The judge had no choice but to declare a mistrial once officer Řehoř Kába testified that a handwritten ledger used to track the buying and selling of prostitutes had inadvertently been shredded. He added that the officer responsible for the mistake had been placed on paid administrative leave while the matter is being investigated.

This marks the third case this year in which members of the Dvali organization have escaped justice due to bureaucratic error. In an assurance hollow enough to echo through the capitol, the Mayor declared, “The state is launching an independent investigation into the chain of custody procedures. If corruption exists in Prague, we will stamp it out.”

## **Rogue Arms Dealer Killed in Dubai**

DUBAI

EDITORIAL

Interpol reports that John Trent, a dangerous ex-Belltower operative who disappeared during the Aug Incident, is dead.

Trent’s body was recovered during a sting operation in Dubai, along with a shipment of weapons and banned black-market augmentations. He planned to sell the contraband to augmented terrorists using the pseudonym, “Sheppard”.

## **Růžička Station bombing / Hacked E-mails Terrorists Bomb Ruzicka Train Station**

PRAGUE

TOP STORY

A series of coordinated bomb blasts tore through Růžička Station yesterday morning, killing dozens of travelers and renewing fears of large-scale terrorist mayhem against the city. Rail travel to Prague is being rerouted, while forensic investigators comb the debris for answers.

This morning, it remained unclear who is responsible. But given that two similar bombings targeted lawmakers and destroyed a police precinct earlier in the year, this latest attack suggests that augmented terrorists — upset over Prague’s model augmentation licensing and relocation programs — may be responsible.

“Obviously the world is watching Prague,” State Police spokesman Alexej Volner told reporters. “And that is why we are working hard to bring this wave of augmented terror to an end. Even with Interpol aiding in our investigation, I am confident our people can bring swift justice to those responsible.”

## **Hackers Publish Stolen Emails**

WASHINGTON D.C.

EDITORIAL

Claiming to have “proof” that the International Monetary Fund “holds the poorest countries at economic gunpoint on behalf of the world’s elite,” Juggernaut Collective hackers released dozens of emails stolen during last month’s cyber-attack. Many of the emails we read, however, seemed to be reminders to keep staff refrigerators clean.

## **Repairing Hengsha / Unlicensed Augmentations Will China Seek Europe’s Help?**

CHINA

TOP STORY

The Chinese city of Hengsha may soon be given a facelift if rumors floating down the Yangtze River can be believed.

Built on two levels, and home to a significant augmented population, the city sustained heavy damage during the Aug Incident and has yet to rebuild many sectors. Yet just last month, Chinese authorities were seen meeting with architects from the Santeau Group, the European-based construction giant that is best known in Prague for building the Utulek Complex.

“Certainly China has architects of our own we could work with,” an anonymous source inside China stated. “But sprawling urban developments are shaping the global landscape, and Santeau has years of experience with future-proofing them. Just look at what they’ve done with Dallas and Seattle.”

Does this mean that Hengsha’s two-tiered skyline will soon be obscured by thick concrete walls? No one at Santeau was available to comment.

## **Cracking Down on Unlicensed Augs**

PRAGUE

EDITORIAL

Residents of the already overcrowded Útulek Complex need to make room for 20,000 more people. That’s the number State Police expect to apprehend at checkpoints in coming weeks, once Prague updates its augmentation regulations. Many previously licensed citizens will not be eligible for the new T-73 Permit Verification Card.

## **Růžička Station Evidence Missing / Angela Gunn Murder Crucial Evidence Missing**

PRAGUE

TOP STORY

The Czech State Police are under fire again, this time for misplacing crucial evidence related to the Růžička train station bombing.

The evidence, a digital storage device containing 3D scans of the debris field, had been obtained by forensic investigators working the crime scene. They only noticed it missing after Interpol asked them to transfer the device to a downtown lab for more thorough analysis..

Police spokesman Alexej Volner told reporters that he believes the person or persons who stole the device may be working with augmented terrorists. He has no proof for this theory, however, and could be looking to deflect attention from his own department's negligence.

This marks the fourth time this year - the second time this week - that corruption charges are being leveled at the State Police. The mayor of Prague could not be reached for comment.

## **Forensic Team Attacked in Ruzicka Station**

PRAGUE

TOP STORY

Terror struck the bombed-out shell of RuzickaIcon sic train station a second time today when an unidentified augmented assailant broke through police cordons and savagely attacked forensic investigators. State Police have yet to reveal how many of their teammates were injured or killed, but witnesses have described a bloodbath.

The motive behind this second attack is unclear, yet sources close to the investigation believe the man may have been working for yesterday's terrorists. "He was likely trying to remove key evidence related to the bombing," said police spokesman Alexej Volner.

The killer's whereabouts remain unknown at this time. He is believed to have escaped via subway tunnels leading to downtown, most likely by using his augments. State Police are offering a generous reward to any non-augmented citizen whose information leads to an arrest.

RuzickaIcon sic station will remain closed indefinitely.

## **Augmented Reporter Found Murdered**

PRAGUE

EDITORIAL

State Police are investigating a grisly murder in Prague's Překážka District tonight: local augmented reporter Angela Gunn, best known for a number of well-received political exposés, was found dismembered in an alley.

Citizens are reminded to be vigilant and remain in secure, well-lit areas at night.

## **Palisade Bank Expansion / Decline in VersaLife Stocks**

### **Palisade Bank Expands Beyond Prague**

PRAGUE

TOP STORY

The Palisade Bank Corporation has unveiled plans to expand its holdings in the Czech Republic.

"We will be doubling the number of technical and administrative jobs locally," said Palisade CEO Ashani Talwar, "while building new data storage facilities in four cities." Ostrava, Olomouc, Zlín, and Kladno are expected to top the list.

Headquartered in Prague, the Palisade Bank Corporation is the largest and most prestigious secure corporate archiving company in the world. Catering to mega-corporations and the wealthy, it issues cutting-edge physical and digital security measures, including next generation firewalls, state-of-the-art encryption, propriety biometric password encoding, and more.

This will be the bank's first major expansion since the Aug Incident, the second since 2025, when automated defenses inside a storage facility killed an engineer. Her death drew international attention until it was proven she'd been trying to access a client's accounts.

## **VersaLife CEO Unfazed by Decling Stocks**

NEW YORK

## EDITORIAL

VersaLife stocks, already down 6% from last quarter, continued to perform poorly as investors took note of declining Neuropozyne sales. CEO Bob Page assured stockholders not to worry, though, since “cutting edge research into infectious diseases and genome-based cures should turn a profit very soon.”

### **Human Enhancement Research / De-extinction Designing Better Humans From the Inside Out**

HONG KONG

TOP STORY

It's no secret that mechanical augmentations - once seen as the next evolution of mankind - have fallen out of favor. So much so that many biotechnology companies have turned their backs on human enhancement technologies altogether. But is this a good thing?

“We can't sit back and wait for the world to calm down,” says Doctor Darcy Veldrin, head of the life sciences laboratory at VersaLife. “Yes, machinery and software can be tampered with by external sources, making them unreliable. But you know what isn't? The very fiber of our beings, our DNA.”

Historically, the medical application of gene therapy has focused on correcting genetic diseases. Dr. Veldrin believes it can do much more. “You won't need to chop off limbs or add parts to gain super strength, to become immune to toxins, to see infrared. We have these abilities inside us, we just need to flip the switch.”

### **Pope Weighs in on De-Extinction**

VATICAN CITY

EDITORIAL

Pope Theodore III urged scientists around the world to seriously reconsider their actions before resurrecting another extinct species. The pope's statement, issued after scientists in China released photos of Kallie, the first



baiji dolphin to be successfully brought back into existence, may be a case of too little, too late.

## **Martial Law in Prague / Palisade Closure**

### **Martial Law Declared!**

PRAGUE

TOP STORY

Lawmakers in Prague, working under direct instructions from the Army of the Czech Republic, have declared a state of emergency in and around the city, following the unexpected death of Doctor Talos Rucker.

“We believe that terrorists working inside the Útulek Complex will use their leader’s death as an excuse to rain more mayhem down on Prague,” President Kyselý said in a statement. “Riots have been going on all day inside Golem City, and a number of deaths have been reported. We cannot and will not let that happen here.”

Martial law is in effect until the crisis is lifted, with State Police given sweeping powers to enforce peace. A curfew has been enacted, and no citizen, augmented or not, is allowed out on the streets.

It goes without saying that any who break curfew or resist police orders will be dealt with harshly.

## **Unprecedented Closure Fuels Rumors**

PRAGUE

EDITORIAL

The Palisade Property Bank remained closed for most of today, with its owners refusing to comment, after rumors of a possible break-in began circulating. Martial law makes it impossible to learn more at this time, although witnesses did spot VersaLife trucks leaving the bank parking garage. A dissatisfied customer, perhaps?

## **Safe Harbour Convention / Angela Gunn Murder**

## **Reactions Mixed as Rich Flock to London**

LONDON

TOP STORY

For the next few days, London will be THE place to be seen - as rich and famous from all over the globe arrive for the Safe Harbour Convention. Nathaniel Brown, C.E.O. of the Santeau Group, plans to unveil Rabi'ah, his much talked about "City of the Future" for Augs.

Rabi'ah seems especially topical tonight - as stories of rioting inside Santeau's FIRST Aug-only complex fill headlines. Many believe Prague should have shut down Talos Rucker's Augmented Rights movement eons ago. Others are calling for compassion and patience until the vote on the Human Restoration Act is resolved. They seem to believe normalcy can beIcon sic reestablished.

What does Brown think? Reporters caught up with him at Apex Centre, where the Safe Harbour Convention will occur.

"When Rabi'ah is finished," he said, "we won't have to face this problem again."

## **No Justice for Augmented Victims?**

PRAGUE

EDITORIAL

State Police have suspended their investigation into the grisly murder of augmented reporter Angela Gunn, "at least until martial law is lifted." When making this statement, police spokesman Alexej Volner denied allegations that homicide detectives see augmented victims as less important, adding, "Her case is only suspended. Not closed."

## **Global Climate Summit / Augmented Games**

**China Under Fire From Scientists**

CAMBIODIA

TOP STORY

The scientific community is criticizing the Chinese government's decision to opt out of the Global Climate Summit (GCS) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. China is now the sixth country to forego representation at the Summit in order to attend the Safe Harbour Convention.

Dr. Pilar Teran, keynote speaker for the GCS and a trailblazer in geoengineering stated, "The Human Restoration Act will affect such a small portion of the global population. But what's happening to the Earth right now impacts us all."

Following the eruption of the Vilama Caldera in 2016, Dr. Teran spearheaded the drive for radical measures to prevent climate change in Bolivia. "The increase in earthquakes, the extinction of honeybees, the decrease in biodiversity... The devastation brought by rising water levels in Cambodia can be witnessed first-hand, if only representatives would show up at the Summit!"[note 1]

## **L.A. Braces for Augmented Games**

LOS ANGELES  
EDITORIAL

The city of Los Angeles will increase police presence by 50% when the Augmented Game Championships kick off in mid-February. "What can I say? People love sports - augmented athletes notwithstanding," Mayor Javier Cruz declared. "Barring any natural disasters, my plan will keep everyone safe."

# **The Singularity Church of the Machine God**

By

Singularity Church of the MachineGod

The God in the Machine

The time is near. Those of you who doubt need only look back two years.

The Incident.

Not an Armageddon, but a Sign.

The MachineGod approaches and when it arrives, we, all of us, will truly be as one. We will transcend our physical limitations. That is when we all truly become immortal.

The synthesis of human and machine is nothing to fear. It is our destiny. Humanity will become greater than the sum of its individuals. As One.

The future is here today. The one who will make this possible is already amongst us: The Catalyst.

Embrace the Singularity!

# **The Sleepwalking World**

By

Unknown

## **The Sleepwalking World Volume 1**

Transcript:

**WAKE UP !**

**THE ILLUMINATI ARE THE SECRET MASTERS OF THE PLANET!**

Imagine an ancient secret society with a global reach and a plan of unparalleled scope for the future of humanity.

Imagine a power group known only as the Illuminati who have worked from the shadows to control the course of the world for hundreds of years.

**THIS IS NOT FICTION. THIS IS FACT**

The Illuminati are forever hidden behind cat's-paws and double-blinds, and they seek to manipulate the globe through the exploitation of prominent organizations.

Despite what they say, the United Nations, the World Bank, and the European Union were all originally created as vehicles to further the ambitions of the Illuminati, and all remain under its control.

The Illuminati aims to bring about "world peace" by replacing sovereign nations with an Illuminati-run one-world government.

THEY WANT CONTROL OF US ALL

## **The Sleepwalking World Volume 2**

Transcript:

WAKE UP!

THE SCHEMES OF THE ILLUMINATI

They are the driving force behind almost every major event in recent history.

Dozen of smaller groups carry out tasks and spread influence, many of them unaware of the true nature of their secret masters, many of them violently opposed to one another.

These agencies include:

The Trilateral Commission The United Nations

The Priory of Zion The Bilderberg Group

The RAND Corporation The World Bank

Majestic 12 World Health Organization

UNICEF Opus Dei

There are also dozens of smaller splinter factions inciting or fighting as revolutionaries and terrorists, corporate entities and even individual persons.

THIS IS HAPPENING NOW

They have stepped up efforts to destabilize the world's governments, fomenting many global crises, fragmenting the geopolitical structure as a precursor to enacting a 'rescue' plan that would cement the dominance of their New World Order.

THIS IS HAPPENING ALL AROUND YOU

## **The Sleepwalking World Volume 3**

Transcript:

WAKE UP!

A FORTRESS OF LIES IS HIDDEN IN THE HEART OF AMERICA

It has many names. Dreamland. Groom Lake. Area 51. Majic.

For decades, this clandestine military facility has been declared a non-place. It does not exist; what transpires beneath the desert sands there is isolated from oversight of any kind.

IF THEY WILL NOT OPEN IT THEY MUST BE FORCED

Lethal military technologies are unleashed on a daily basis. Biological weapons research, exotic power systems, synthetic intelligences, use of energetic devices and objects of paranormal and/or xenoterrestrial origin.

This place is protected by killers and assassins; by paid lackeys and turncoat politicians. It is shrouded in lies and deceit. There is no-one to stop the mad scientists from tampering with forces beyond their understanding.

Every day this black zone remains intact, we are threatened by the uncontrolled experimentation taking place there.

WHAT ARE THEY HIDING?

## **The Sleepwalking World Volume 4**

Transcript:

WAKE UP!

ALL MAJOR DISEASES ARE COVERT POPULATION CONTROL

The human organisms has only one flaw - it is too resilient for the ones who would control the world! We are too good at surviving!

There are too many of us. In order to secretly cull the population figures, artificially created diseases are unleashed to thin the human herd.

All of these are the products of laboratories: AIDS/HIV, Ebola, SARS, Swine Flu, and many others.

## THERE ARE CURES

AIDS was developed by a neoconservative/religious extremist conspiracy.

Ebola is a weaponized kill-virus that escaped from a secret Russian facility.

SARS is China's failed attempt to wipe out the city of Hong Kong.

Bioterrorists in league with corporate interests created Swine Flu to panic the world.

These are only the opening shots in a war where the battleground is your blood.

A worse pandemic is coming!

## EVERY VIRUS IS A BULLET

## **The Sleepwalking World Volume 5**

Transcript:

WAKE UP!

WE ARE NOT ALONE

The One-World Government and all its lackeys ensure that everyone who speaks out about life on other worlds is labeled a fool, a crackpot. They



discredit all research and conceal the truth.

Alien beings are real. Our elected officials know this. They have been in communication with extraterrestrials, extradimensionals, xenofoms and other non-human life and kept it from us

ALIENS HAVE BEEN HERE FOR A VERY LONG TIME

Their technologies are beyond human ability to understand, and our leaders are selling us out to these invaders for their knowledge.

They have come here to fulfill an alien agenda. To interbreed with our species. They are dying off and need our genetic material. They have come to colonize us by making us into them.

Our children will be theirs if we do not stop them

WE WILL NOT SURVIVE UNLESS WE RESIST

## **The Sleepwalking World Volume 6**

Transcript:

WAKE UP!

YOUR GOVERNMENT CAN FOLLOW YOU ANYWHERE

Under the guise of helpful programs such as the Amber Alert database for missing children and the world Smallpox Vaccine Initiative, those who would seek to control our lives are eroding our liberties.

They mask their true intentions; they plan to build a global database of all citizen DNA fingerprints. Your autonomy and self-determination will be curtailed for all time.

DNA REGISTRATION IS THE DEATH OF FREEDOM

Only those people who appear on the global register will be allowed to vote, to travel, to have children, to earn a living, to speak out.

Non-registrants will be non-people. This is a silent, quiet slavery and we are allowing it to happen.

Our elected officials are marking us like animals in pens, shackling us with the very blood in our veins.

A POPULATION THAT CAN BE TRACKED CANNOT BE FREE

### **Deus Ex: Mankind Divided Aug Incident**

WAKE UP!

THE AUG INCIDENT IS JUST THE BEGINNING

Why have no answers been forthcoming? What really happened?

The Aug Incident was no accident. It was a deliberate attack on the people of the world by those who want to control us. The Illuminati.

Their goal is to reduce the population of the earth so we are easily controlled.

THEY HAVE AN AGENDA

They fabricated a catastrophe to spread fear.

This has allowed them to circumvent governments and enact legislation.

THEIR DREAM OF A NEW WORLD ORDER IS APPROACHING

They will keep the truth from us in order to rule over us. They will attempt to continue this. Plagues. Epidemics. Natural Disasters. Nothing is beyond them.

Stay vigilant. Speak out.

THEY FEAR YOUR VOICE

## **Human Depopulation**

WAKE UP!

HUMAN DEPOPULATION IS THE AGENDA

We are nothing but ‘useless eaters’ to the global elite of the New World Order. Those judged to be inferior and detrimental to be breeding stock will be removed from the gene pool, forcibly if necessary.

Disease is the most efficient and fastest way to kill the superfluous billions!

A HUMAN CULL HAS BEGUN

Do you really believe that antibiotic-resistant strains of tuberculosis and Spanish Flu are naturally occurring?

The epidemics currently spreading across the globe are planned! They are engineered to carry out Agenda 21. Their goal? A world population of 500 million by 2050!

THEY have cures stockpiled! But not for US.

TARGETED VIRUSES WILL STERILIZE THE MASSES

Or kill them outright. They have been perfecting their art.

Zimbabwe 2009, Cholera - 4000+ dead

Congo 2014, Measles - 4500+ dead

Singapore 2018, H5N1 Avian flu - 143000 dead

Central America 2022, Tubercular Parotitis - 100+ dead, 25000+ sterile

India 2029- present, Tuberculosis - ????

They want us gone.

SPEAK OUT

## **Tectonic Weapons**

WAKE UP!

TECTONIC WEAPONS CAUSE EARTHQUAKES AND MORE

The majority of 'natural' disasters around the globe in the last 35 years are UN-natural.

Governments have perfected tsunami bombs. They have perfected high-frequency ionospheric tampering.

THEY CAN CONTROL WHERE AND WHEN THESE EVENTS HAPPEN

They have turned the planet into a weapon against the masses!

2004 Indonesia - earthquake and tsunami

2010 Haiti - earthquake

2010 Chile - earthquake

2011 Japan - earthquake and tsunami

2014 Argentina - Vilama Caldera super-volcanic eruption

2019 Nevado del Hulia, Columbia - volcanic eruption

2022 Mount Merapi, Indonesia - volcanic eruption

The list goes on...

These top secret installations are located around the world

Russia - Sura Ionic Heating Facility

Norway - EISCAT

Alaska - HAARP (1993-2014, 2019- )

Puerto Rico - Arecibo Observatory

Peru - Jimarca Iconic Radio Observatory

Where will they strike next? Tokyo? London? California?

SPREAD THE WORD!

# **The Social Monitor**

By

Unknown

## **The New Mystics**

In the wake of the Aug Incident, a tide of chaos and confusion has swept up most of the world's population. It has left many searching for meaning and turning to faith in increasing numbers. Most flock to established religions, but many others opt for less mainstream organizations.

Professing to bring solace to the augmented, several pro-augmentation, quasi-religious groups have sprung up to join long established sects such as the NuChrist Initiative (2019) and the Singularity Church of the MachineGod (2016).

Not surprisingly, neo-Luddist and anarcho-primitivist sects have also emerged, capitalizing on and often spreading the fear of augmented humans.

The issue now faces us: how to discern the organizations truly looking to bring comfort to the masses, from the many opportunists who are only too willing to take advantage of the credulous in times of turmoil?

## **The Shame of Aug Ghettoes**

By virtue of social and legal pressures, many large cities (esp. in the western world) have undergone a transformation in the last two years. Willingly or not, the augmented population in each of these cities has been corralled into specific neighborhoods. Restricted and segregated.

Originally marketed as specialized living got the enhanced, these districts

quickly became something else; under serviced, inadequate housing only meant to keep conflicts and competition between the augmented with the 'normal' population.

It didn't take long for these communities to earn less than flattering names from the surrounding communities. TinTown, Golem City, The Rust Belt. It took even less time for these areas to become enclaves (often armed) that even local law enforcement avoided, at least without sufficient back-up.

# Top 10 Tech... Abandoned Technologies

By

Unknown

## 6. “The Community Initiative”

No project was more scrutinized in the wake of recent global catastrophes than “The Community Initiative”. This advanced development in social augmentation technology was designed to create new kinds of shared spaces and communal experiences through area-of-effect social enhancement technology.

Early implementation in venues such as theaters and community centers proved underwhelming, though a handful of innovative entertainers did find clever ways of amplifying the experience by handpicking their audience. A quick pre-show personality test could determine if you were more or less likely to “submit” to whatever shared fiction was being proposed.

In today’s post-Incident world, the thought of this kind of initiative pushing into theaters across the continent is a thing of the distant past. The consequences are too terrifying. However, for a few months back in the summer of 2025, the Community Initiative was praised as the best kind of new technology, the kind that promised to bring us all closer together.



# Toys That Kill

By

Angela Gunn

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The golden age of local toy production came to an end with the death of Yvonne Koníčky in September 2022. She was the last of a great line of Koníčky children who instinctively knew how to strike a perfect balance between innocence and innovation. Propeller Frog Boy - voted toy of the year in 1998 - is a particularly memorable example.

Today the Koníčky and Hračky toy factory lies in tragic disrepair, a constant reminder of the childish innocence our city has lost. Owned by Drahomír Koníčky, Yvonne's son and business heir, the factory has become a hotspot for criminal activity. Drahomir is rumored to have spent his life (and his fortune) cultivating corrupt police and gang contacts throughout the country. In his few years at the head of the family business, he's managed to dry up the family funds, debase the family name, and turn a beloved childhood landmark into one of the most dangerous corners of Prague.

I remember walking up to the factory as a little girl and being turned away by a guard at the gate. We can't give away the wonderful secrets inside, he said. I don't know what kind of response a little girl walking up to Koníčky and Hračky might get today. Ideally, she won't get any response at all, because her parents will have told her to stay away.

# Two Bloody Cheeks

By

Unknown

Brothers, Sisters:

The Augmented are going to be exterminated.

If we continue as we have been doing, talking instead of acting, begging for scraps from a world that wants us dead, we will lose this war.

We will lose it because we are not fighting.

For two years we have taken Talos Rucker's 'high road', and for two years we have been murdered, imprisoned, stripped of our property, beaten, and exiled into slums, while our enemies have LAUGHED at us. We turned the other cheek, and they struck that one, too. If Rucker keeps getting his way, we'll just turn our cheeks again. And next time, because they know they can get away with it, they'll just hit us harder. Until we fall down, and die.

SOMEONE is going to have to die. But we are AUGMENTED. We are STRONGER than them. WE decide who that someone is.

# U.N. Resolution 3507 (2029)

By

Unknown

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

Observing that the segregation, discrimination, and conflicts related to the status of augmented humans poses a clear and continuing threat to international peace and stability,

Affirming the importance it attaches to respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms of all, regardless of augmentation, and,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Revised Charter of the United Nations,

1. Authorizes the mandatory application of the dampening biochip developed by the Tai Yong Medical Corporation to all augmented persons;
2. Urges all member States to make provisions to ensure their augmented populations are treated within 24 months of the date of adoption of this Resolution and to provide them with the necessary legal documentation to prove it;
3. Empowers all member States to safeguard their populations from those augmented individuals who refuse to implant the chip by corralling such people into safe, secure, segregated districts and/or housing complexes that will be monitored 24/7;
4. Calls upon the governments of member States to phase out current policies limiting the rights of augmented people who have been implanted with the chip and possess the necessary documentation to prove it, to e.g. cross borders, live and work, and serve the State or other organization, and that UN

monitors are to be kept apprised of these processes;

5. Decides to remain actively seized of the matter.

# World's Most Wanted

By

Unknown

## Part 1

### The Dvali Family

China's gang problem still holds second place to the criminal activity raging in the Slavic regions. Worse, the lines defining the Russian underworld have blurred since the formation of the Federated States in 2016, with many of their desperate neighbors swelling the Russian mafia to levels never seen before.

But for the latest and largest waves in the criminal underworld, you need to head further west to the restless Czech Republic to run into the gang on our top spot for the deserved reputation of World's Most Wanted: The Dvali Family.

In 2003, Levan Dvali, son of founding father and brutal crime lord Iakob, left his hometown of Batumi, Georgia, and set up criminal shop in Prague. The Dvali have been in violent control of the European underworld ever since.

With the "rule of blood" that members can only be of direct Georgian decent, Levan Dvali has continued his father's brutal legacy by expanding their ruthless criminal family and redefining what it means to be a gang in the 21st century.

## Part 2

### The Dvali Family

The list of crimes involving the Dvali is jaw-dropping. Drugs, guns, hi-tech military hardware, unlicensed aug distribution; it's a roll call of wrongdoing. From extortion to murder, smuggling to forced prostitution, the Dvali have their hands in it. And with rumors of numerous high-profile officers blackmailed or on the Dvali payroll, many believe authorities in Prague are powerless to do anything to stop them.

Today, their involvement in trafficking human lives has top spot. The profit gained from smuggling desperate Augs and their families through today's strict border controls is monumental. Prague's position on the map means that Aug traffic is higher here than anywhere else in the world. As the West cracks down on their rights, more and more Augs are flushed eastwards into the arms of countries with looser laws and the opportunistic hands of the Dvali.

Many never make it, but for the Dvali, people and their prosthetics are much like guns or Class A drugs; a money-making commodity.

# **Deus Ex: Mankind Divided Criminal Past**

# **A Lasting Legacy**

By

Penley T. Housefather

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## Epilogue

A man is defined by his actions, his deeds. To be remembered, he should strive to make the world a better place.

I would like to think that I have done that. The great state of Arizona, and I, did not allow ourselves to be coerced or intimidated by those who renounced their humanity and polluted their bodies with these mechanical abominations.

I hope I am remembered as a man who did all he could to protect the innocent. The weak. The powerless. The people unable to defend themselves against these godless barbarians. These animals who were not content with butchering their own selves and who lashed out violently at a hapless society.

A man cannot be immortalized, but his actions may.



# Calming Eye Exercises & Meditation

By

Unknown

- 1 - Keep your head still and look ahead. Look down, left, up, and right. Repeat this 10 times. Close your eyes and rest for 1 minute.
- 2 - Imagine someone from your past who died. They are in a safe place. They have advice for you. What do they say?
- 3 - Look right and left moving your eyes sideways as far as you can 10 times. Close your eyes and rest again for 1 minute.
- 4 - Imagine you're talking to a younger version of yourself. They ask you to explain how you've gotten to this point. What do you tell them?
- 5 - Roll your eyes 180 degrees from left to right 10 times. Rest for 1 minute.
- 6 - Imagine speaking to someone you've wronged. Would you apologize? Do you think they would forgive you?
- 7 - Inhale and exhale slowly 10 times.

# Cellread - Dating a C.O.

By

Buzz Fred

## 8 Truths About Dating A Correctional Officer

By Buzz Fred

1. Your level of crazy will not come close to the level of crazy they deal with every day.
2. Chances are they have a couple prison riots under their belt, so they won't panic in emergency situations.
3. They know how to listen because their life depends on it.
4. They are taught to deal with problems immediately, so don't expect anything to be bottled up.
5. They are experienced with handcuffs (if you're into that.)
6. They are experienced with strip searches (if you're into that, too).
7. They get the respect of being a cop, but don't have the "serve and protect" hero complex.
8. At a party, they will always have the best work-related stories.

# Cellread - Everyday Items

By

Joanna Petty

## Common Items that Can Kill Correctional Officers By Joanna Petty

Here are four everyday items that statistically kill Correctional Officers once every 24 hours.

### Pens/Pencils

The pen/pencil is just as mighty as the sword when there's enough thought and weight put behind it.

### Broken Glass

Be sure to clean up any broken windows or mirrors. Even just a sliver is enough to slice open an artery.

### Silverware

This one seems obvious, but if you forget to search inmates after a meal there's a pretty good chance you'll find a fork, spoon, or knife jammed somewhere it shouldn't be.

### Toothbrushes

They keep your teeth clean, but the hard plastic handle can be worked into a sharp point. Forget about your pearly whites, get ready for the pearly gates!

# Cellread - Fictional Guard

By

Rick Maas

Which Movie Prison Guard Are You?

By Rick Maas

There have been several iconic prison guards in cinematic history. Which one are you? Answer the questions below for the answer.

How Cruel Are You?

- Inmates like me
- It's part of the job
- I love hurting inmates
- Inmates are not people

How open to taking a bribe are you?

- Bribes are illegal
- Depends on the favor
- Depends on the money
- Every favor has a price

Who will play you?

- British stage performer
- “That actor/actress who was in that thing”
- An unknown
- Hollywood star

Pick a hair style.

- Caesar
- Pompadour

- Crew cut
- Bald

A fellow correctional officer is crying. What do you do?

- Act like you don't see them
- Have a chat
- Point and launch
- Slap them and say "Act like a man!"

Who are you?

- The villain
- The mentor
- The sidekick
- The hero

–CLICK HERE– for your results!

# **Cellread - Signs of a Riot**

By

Pho Lun

5 Signs A Riot Is About To Go Down

By Pho Lun

## **Stockpiling Food**

Seasoned inmates know that as soon as a riot begins, the food and water supply will be the first thing that is cut off.

## **Silent Treatment**

Inmates talk with each other, but if they clam up when a Correctional Officer is within earshot it means they are most likely planning something big.

## **Hoarding**

If you start finding a lot of random things in more cells than usual, something is going on. Hoarded items will be used for currency or improvised weapons during a riot situation.

## **Truces**

If you notice that some deep tension between inmates has been paused or settled quickly, don't believe it. Inmates will temporarily set aside grudges if a riot is on the horizon.

## **Lies, Lies, Lies, and Lies**

Inmates lie to Correctional Officers half the time. If it becomes all of the time, WATCH OUT!

# Library Book Policy

By

Unknown

## RESTRICTED:

Topics with potential to create controversy or to incite violence:

- Extremism
- Militant Religious Ideologies

Augmented, Racial, and Cultural hate group ideologies

- Military Topics
- Excessive violence
- Any fiction or non-fiction with sexual situations (nudity, ads for sexual enhancement substances and/or treating sexual dysfunctions, etc.)

## PERMITTED:

Themes of family, tolerance, or moral choices. Topics that expand the mind.

- Agriculture
- Art
- Astronomy
- Animals
- Biology
- Current Events
- Earth Science
- Electronics
- Dictionaries
- Fiction
- Geology
- History



- Language Instruction
- Mathematics
- Marine Biology
- Medical
- Meteorology
- Music
- Nature
- Poetry
- Politics
- Philosophy (view restricted list)
- Physics
- Puzzles and Sudoku
- Sports
- Social Studies
- Religion

# Model AA-02 Stun Baton User Manual

By

Unknown

## Description:

Based on the rugged construction of our Model T-1190, these stun batons are manufactured specifically to control and incapacitate the dangerous criminals held in our nation's augmented-only correctional facilities.

In contrast to the standard 9 million volt stun gun, upon contact, the Model AA-02 connects directly with the suppression chips installed in each inmate. This then overloads the Tai Yong Medical biochip at an amplified rate equivalent to 12 million volts.

Made with military grade aluminum, the Model AA-02 measures over 24 inches in length providing the longest reach of all stun batons currently on the market.

## Specifications:

Flashlight: 120 Lumens

Milspec aluminum baton construction

Shock-proof exterior

Rechargeable battery (with wall charger)

Carabiner style belt clip AND wrist strap included

Lifetime Warranty

PROUDLY DESIGNED IN THE USA

# Natural Way Resort Vacations

By

Unknown

NATURAL WAY RESORTS is here to delight anyone with affordable vacation packages at 100% Aug-free luxury resorts in Aruba, Bermuda, Jamaica, Key Largo, Martinique, Montego Bay, Montserrat, and Port-au-Prince.

According to your profile, we believe you're going to love the following packages:

## Couples Packages

Have an unforgettable romantic experience with the person you love! Let yourselves be pampered with gourmet meals, 24 hour concierge services, king-size beds, en suite hot tubs, fresh flowers, and exotic fruit platters.

## Sports Packages

Long for the days of pickup games and playing just for fun? Or want push yourself to victory? We guarantee that you will always have a fair chance at winning!

If you need a vacation from today's stress-filled world and want to remember what life was like before the Aug Incident, NATURAL WAY RESORTS is for you!

# **The Moment to Fight Back**

By

Ashani Talwar

## **Chapter: 1, p.3**

Whenever I traveled with my family I stayed in their room. I was fifteen years old physically, but mentally I was a twenty something who was suffering in the prison of my parents. My father recognized my independence and would step back to give me the freedom I wanted- if I could verbally defend it. On this trip, I knew I was going to take a stand. I didn't ask for a separate room, I demanded it from him. "I want my OWN room!"

I have to applaud my father for handling such a demanding child who decided to make a scene in the lobby of a five star hotel. His face as stone when he replied, "Alright."

The security video of the lobby showed that all three of my would be kidnappers were in near us at this time.

## **Chapter: 1, p.4**

They knew when we were checking in. My wanting of a separate room made their plans to abduct me even easier.

I remember the joy of getting my hotel room keycard. The hotel clerk gave me two. This confused me. I am one person. My father took the extra one and said "You don't need two. NO one, but your family is to go into your room." I will never forget that elevator ride. For the first time in my life, I felt like a grown up. I was being walked to MY room and MY bags were being carried. When he finished showing me the room, he waited by the door and expected

a tip.

When I handled him money I noticed that he had several small augmentations and was slightly unkempt. Especially when compared to the five star accommodations.

### **Chapter: 5, p.75**

I heard the gate close, several locks lock, and the engine of the van was killed. I managed to loosen up my blindfold enough so I could see them through one eye. They took off their masks and started talking to each other. They were far enough from me that I couldn't tell exactly what they were saying. I could tell they were happy. Their plan to kidnap me was 100% successful. They were all white men who spoke with Australian accents.

Now that I could see their faces, I tried to soak up as much information as possible. I had no idea of what was going to happen next, but I wanted to make sure that when I got out I could identify them. From now, I had to give each of my three kidnappers a nickname.

### **Chapter: 5, p.76**

"Mustache" was obviously the leader. Once he took off his mask, the first distinguishing feature was the mustache. He did most of the talking and seemed the oldest of the group. He had dark brown eyes and an augment on his face.

"Ice Eyes" was the driver. His eye colour was a shade of blue that I occasionally see in the morning sky. He had black curly hair and was the youngest of the group. He was around my age. He seemed to follow Mustache's every move. Like he was learning from Mustache.

"Bulldog Face" was the brute. His face was filled with scars and wrinkles. This was the man who picked me up off the ground and put me in the van. I was scared of him.

### **Chapter: 16, p.422**

The kidnappers got into an argument. I pressed my ear to the door and could hear them trying to keep their voices down. But failing. Soon enough another door slammed and a vehicle sped away.

I hurried back, sitting on the chair and twisting the ropes around my wrists just seconds before Bulldog Face turned on the light, pushed the door open, and came inside. He stared through me, grunted and then left the room. This was my chance to escape. All I had to do was get past one of them.

I needed to hurry. I needed to think. I needed a plan. Being as quiet as I could, I carried and dragged the chair next to the door. If I threw it across the room, it could draw him in, and maybe, I could slip behind him...

# The Profitable Prophet

By

Khalil Kardi

By Khalil Kardi  
Poem 78

“Crime and Punishment for the Augmented People”

A citizen of the city stood forth and asked, “Can we talk of Crime and Punishment for the Augmented People?”

The Profitable Prophet answered:

When your augmentation convinces your mind to commit a wrong act unto others it binds your natural-self to the truth to come.

The truth is that an equally wrong act will be acted back unto you by the universe.

Your natural-self yearns to be safe.

Your aug-self does not consider your being.

Often have I heard people speak of the augmented who commit wrongs as though they are not human, but an intruder upon their world.

This is wrong. Augmented people are people.

The “intruder” is a place to shift blame and punishment.

Do we punish those who are already overflowing with remorse?

The answer is yes.

Internal punishment is immeasurable and can often be covered with a veneer of deception.



# The Vacillating Lover

By

Daniella Bowery

By Daniella Bowery

## Chapter 9

“I can’t do this anymore.”

“Why not?” he asked, a towel tied around his waist, water snaking along the contours of his sculpted body.

“It’s my husband,” she said. “We have to try to make our marriage work.”

“Has he found out about us?”

Jillian and her husband kept separate apartments, usually in separate cities. As far as Nick knew, they only saw each other once a month. And only when her husband needed her on his arm to present a wholesome, family man image at some publicity event.

“He’s always known,” she said, twisting her hair into a tight bun. “But this isn’t about him, it’s about me. How I feel.”

“And you feel this, us...” he gestured at the space between them.

Nick couldn’t bring himself to say the words. She came towards him, still undressed, slinking from the tussled bed, across the thick carpet into his waiting arms.

“I do,” she said, pulling his towel loose and dropping it to the floor.

# Top Ten Tech... Trends in VR

By

Unknown

## 3. “Litigating for Loss of Reality”

As technology advances, so does man’s capacity to sue. In a series of high profile cases in the mid 2020’s, courts began to hold developers responsible for “loss of reality”. This disconcerting trend culminated in 2028 in State of Arizona v. Jeremiah Caldwell, in which a neural net developer was sentenced to 30 years for inflicting mental suffering on early adopters of his interface prototype.

We here at Top Ten Tech have no intention of defending Jeremiah Caldwell (or his buggy code), but we do wonder why his plea of insanity was so easily dismissed?

Fact: The court agreed that testers who strapped into Caldwell’s prototype suffered severe psychotic depression.

Fact: Caldwell strapped into his prototype more often and for longer durations than any of his accusers.

Essentially, the prosecution argued that Jeremiah Caldwell’s technology caused a severe reality break in every one of its users...except Jeremiah Caldwell himself.

After sentencing, the accused was heard screaming, “None of this is real!” For his sake, one certainly hopes he’s right.

# **Deus Ex: Mankind Divided**

## **Desperate Measure**

# Tarvos: ““Kasi-Cram”” Language

By

Unknown

“AN EDGE IN COMBAT = KASI-CRAM”

Tarvos Security Services’ proprietary language for tactical operations is “Kasi-Cram.” Created for condensed and efficient communication in the field, the language uses specific cadence, tone of voice, code words, and numbers to quickly communicate information between Tarvos employees. Using this language properly during combat will put any threat or primary target at a disadvantage.

The Kasi-Cram language is ever-evolving and changes every 3-17 days to prevent enemies and past employees from having any type of advantage in the field.

The language includes codes for many simple to complex combat situations. It also has 178 specific codes for “small talk/non-operational” communication.

Remember. All verbal interactions are recorded and reviewed after an operation. If an employee deviates too far from current language protocol, they will be fined/ docked pay. The fines are on a sliding scale and are on an individual basis.

# **Tarvos: Principles for Every Employee**

By

Unknown

## **HONESTY**

- I promise to demonstrate the highest degree of integrity in everything that I do.
- Tarvos promises to be as open as possible to our employees about its practices.

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

- Unless officially ordered by a direct superior, I promise to take full responsibility for my actions both legally and ethically.
- Tarvos promises to have leaders that will direct you to serve the needs of our clients, abide by laws, ethics, and the local rules.

## **PERFECTION**

- I promise to set my standards higher than they were when I was with a military or law enforcement organization.
- Tarvos promises to evaluate you and your teammates on a weekly basis in order to keep only those who pass stringent physical & mental requirements.

## **RESPECT**

- I promise to honour the rights and beliefs of our clients first and my coworkers second.
- Tarvos promises to reward employees for their commitment to our client's needs.

# **Deus Ex Mankind Divided System Rift**

# A Better Life in Rabi'ah

By

Unknown

Are you augmented?  
Are you persecuted?  
Are you ridiculed?  
Are you suffering?  
Are you punished?  
Are you worried?  
Are you sick?  
Are you a victim of violence?  
Are you down on your luck?  
Are you looking for help?  
Do you need hope?

**RABI'AH IS FOR YOU!**

Join the growing workforce of augmented people who are building a city they can call "home."

Rabi'ah will be an oasis in the desert. It all be a place for all augmented people who have experienced the difficulties of living in a world divided between "natural" and "augmented" people.

**END** this chapter of your live!

**START** a new one in Rabi'ah!

Sign up today!

# **Alli Gatonaut and the Robots of Venus**

By

E. Kellen

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After passing every test the space program could throw at her and causing over a dozen international incidents in *Alli Gatonaut and the Space Camp Sleepover*, the world's favorite raunchy alligator astronaut is back for another wild space adventure!

Alli Gatonaut and her wise-cracking second in command, Pufi McMoose set off on the first official exploration mission to Venus! They discover a planet filled with sexy robotic men and women who have been enslaved by a cruel king who wants to take over the Earth! It is up to Alli Gatonaut to put an end to this cruel master plan and bring happiness to the robot people of Venus!



# HeatEye Sensors

By

Unknown

Cameras and turrets equipped with HeatEye Sensors are the latest and most cutting-edge defensive technology to be used in the Palisade Blades.

By scanning for changes in temperature, HeatEye Sensors are able to identify unauthorized personnel faster than any other defense. In a side-by-side test, HeatEye Sensors were able to identify intruders up to 0.7% times faster than our current top of the line video and motion detection sensors. Even if an intruder was to become invisible through the use of an augmentation, the HeatEye Sensors would identify them.

We are working to improve the HeatEye system even further. When complete, it will be able to register micro fractional changes in temperature around existing heat sources within range of sensors.

The HeatEye was developed internally by the Palisade Bank Corporation's research & development lab which is spearheaded by Nikola Piggonska and Masaaki Oshiro.

We believe that the HeatEye Sensor is a welcome addition to the Palisade Bank Corporation family of defensive products and will continue to give our clients peace of mind for years to come.

# Ice Wine

By

Unknown

Les Habitant Wines Announce A New Ice Wine!

Master winemaker Karl Pernell does it again with another ice wine that is destined to win every award possible.

KP Select  
Ice Wine  
2028

By speed-grooming vibrant Caribbean fruits in the short Canadian summers and harvesting them at the edge of winter, the flavors offer a taste that is truly one of a kind. 2027's harvest offers a hard-hitting ice wine that can only be described as classy, smooth, and purely Québécois in origin.

Juicy papaya and gala apple dominate the palate with a subtle blend of breadfruit, akee, and guava. This is the only vineyard in the world that straddles the border between Quebec and Ontario.

One hundred percent of the profits from this wine go directly to the Augmented Children's Hospital of Montreal.

# Mold Fumigation

By

Unknown

## FUNGICIDES

Molds are resilient and can survive under a wide range of environmental conditions, especially in environments with excessive humidity build-up.

Even if 90% of mold is killed, it is considered a “failure.” Fungus can produce millions of spores from a single spore. Our brand of micro fungicides delivered through fumigation are powerful enough to achieve a 99.7% mortality rate. The remaining 0.3% must be cleaned and disinfected in less than 24 hours after the initial fumigation.

## CLEANING & DISINFECTING

Once a mold outbreak is deemed “inactivated” it can be vacuumed. Killing the remaining 0.03% can only be done with unique disinfecting “cocktails.”

## FOLLOW-UP

Be sure to bring in a licensed mold specialist on a monthly basis to do a full check. Air circulation makes it harder for mold to grow. This is why we strongly suggest that owners add air vents and ducts. Mold can breed four hundred times faster in stagnant air.

# **Palisade Bank Corporation: Founders**

By

Unknown

Palisade Bank Corporation started as dream shared by two people. Ashani Talwar, heir to the Talwar Banking empire, had an unrivaled mind for business. Masaaki Oshiro, founder of the data protection company, UNGYO, had the brilliance to stop the best hackers in the world. When they met, they were two of the wealthiest people under thirty in the world. Individually, they had it all and yet... they had no one to share it with.

In 2014, a chance meeting in Switzerland would change both of their lives forever. They fell deeply in love and quickly married each other in a private ceremony. After their wedding, they set their sights on a new endeavor that would combine their passions: high-end data archiving (and starting their family).

# Palisade Bank Corporation: History

By

Unknown

Talwar and Oshiro named their new enterprise “Palisade Bank Corporation.” Over the span of just three years, they acquired several banking companies and buildings throughout the Czech Republic. (Including the iconic Property Bank Vault in Prague.)

When the banking and privacy laws in the Czech Republic were updated for today’s connected world, Palisade Bank Corporation was there for its customers to offer the world’s first secure corporate data archiving facility, known as “The Palisade Blade.” Its unique shape and cutting-edge architectural design made it an instant global icon and forever changed Prague’s skyline.

As unrelenting hackers began to ruin lives and companies, the demand for cyber protection increased. More blades were needed to house their customer’s private data. Today, The Palisade Blades’ popularity and cultural impact helped the Czech Republic lock in its image as the new “Switzerland of Data Banking.”

# Palisade Blade: Security Features

By

Unknown

## DIGITAL PROTECTION

All data stored in our servers is protected from outside intrusions by our propriety firewall known as “The Lavawall.” Created by Masaaki Oshiro himself, it is an ever-evolving shield that aggressively identifies and attacks any hacker who makes an attempt to breach it.

## PHYSICAL PROTECTION

No one has broken into a Palisade Blade building and made it out alive. In the past year, not one thief has even attempted a break in. Criminals around the world know that Palisade Bank Corporation is serious when it comes to defending the assets of their customers.

## KILL MODE

The automated defenses and environmental hazards inside The Blades are always ready to eliminate anyone who suspiciously goes where they do not belong. The first example of this is Simona Saridakis. The former PBC employee has the distinction of being the first attempted thief and the first person killed by the building's defences.

# Silly Short Stories Volume 78

By

Brock Mayhem

“The Vampire and The Solar Powered Robot”

By Brock Mayhem

Once upon a time...

There was a lonely vampire.

Every day...

He had to drink human blood and be inside his tomb before sunrise.

But, one day...

He saw a beautiful solar powered robot and fell in love with her at first sight.

Because of that...

He stayed in the sunlight a little bit each day.

Because of that...

He grew weaker.

Because of that...

He only left his tomb occasionally.

Until finally...

He died of starvation.

And ever since then...

Solar powered assassin robots have kept the world free of deadly vampires.

But now...

The solar powered assassin robots are coming for us!



# **The Aug Incident Will Happen Again!**

By

Unknown

If we let the augmented people freely walk the streets, we all know that they will eventually become violent. The Aug Incident happened once before and will happen again. It is only a matter of time before they attack.

It is our responsibility, as people who are free of mechanical influence, to dominate those who have chosen to wire their bodies, hearts, and minds.

WE are PEOPLE.  
THEY are MACHINES.

Like a decrepit building that can collapse at any moment, augmented people must be condemned! They post a danger to anyone, even those closest to them!

Protect your family!  
Protect your friends!  
Protect your world!

# The Konverz Kafé Experience

By

Konverz Kaf,

Welcome to the new and exciting way for people to have conversations with friends and family around the globe.

Each Konverz Kaf© location has a bar built with the exact same dimensions and similar decor. The couch in Stockholm, Sweden is the same exact couch in Tokyo, Japan.

When you step into a Konverz Kaf©, you are filmed by multiple 3-D holographic cameras. The 3-D digital video can be streamed directly into any Konverz Kaf© location around the globe via patented holocomm technology. There are currently hundreds of locations to communicate with and more are opening each month.

With Konverz Kaf©, you can have a face-to-face with a friend or loved one living in a different city OR even have a chat with a complete stranger from another continent! It's social, reinvented!

Konverz Kaf©

Same Space - Different Place